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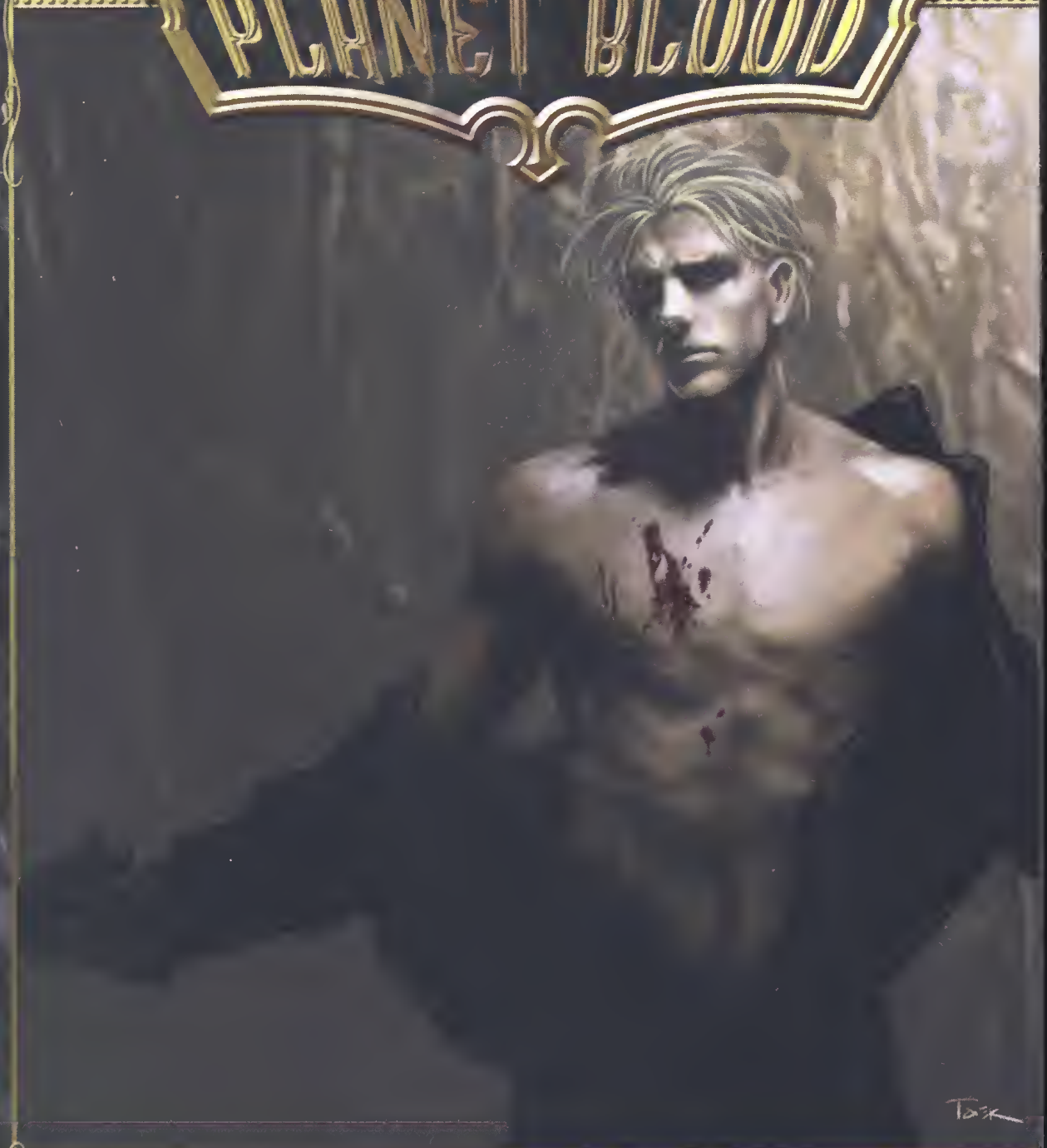

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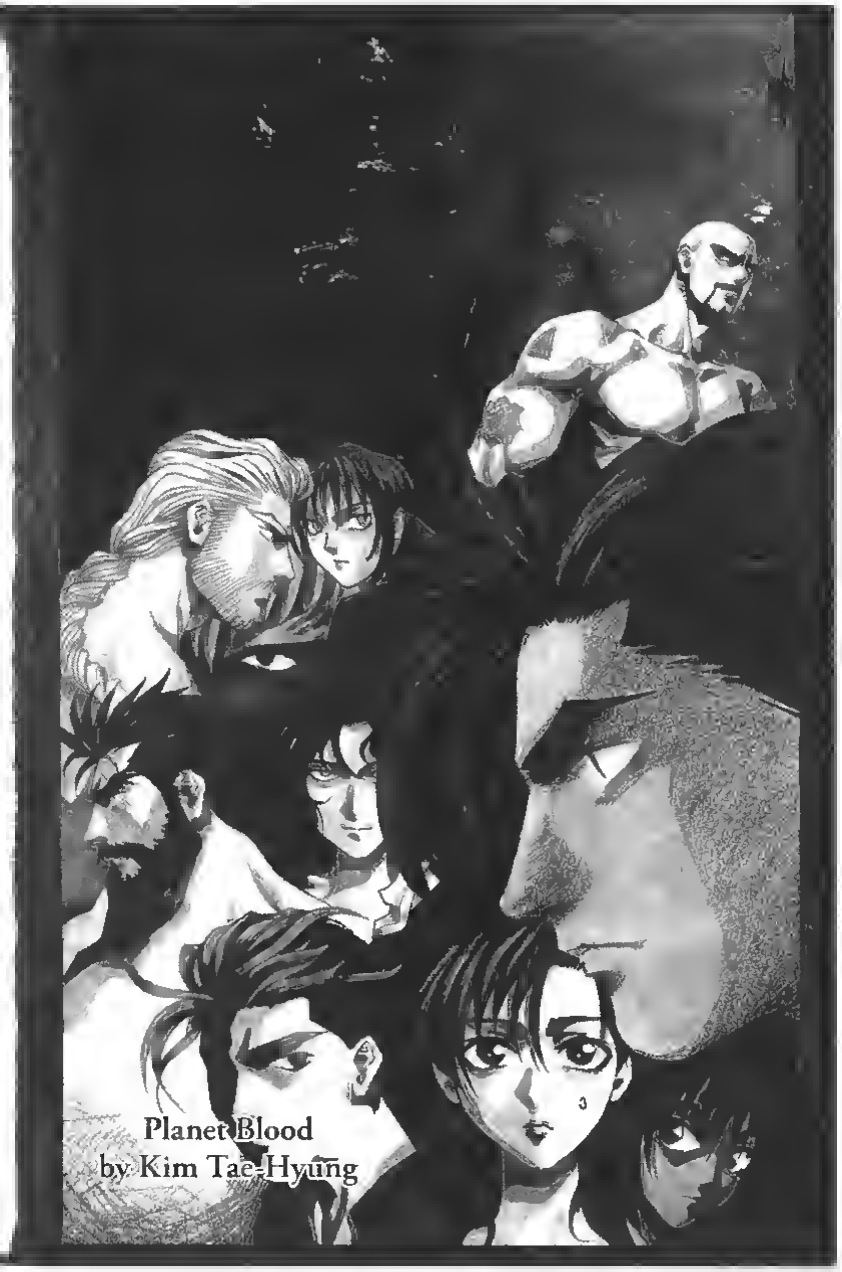
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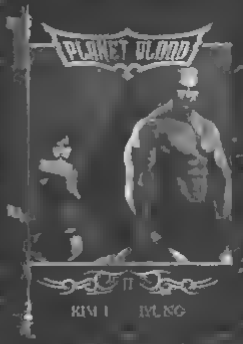
In the year Universal Century 0091, the Mars and Moon colonies were embroiled in a bloody war over repatriation rights for the newly restored Earth. The desperation of the battle drove the Moon colony to use its deadliest weapon, Attack Satellite Dike. The subsequent blast opened up a rift in time and space, sending Mars Force mecha pilot Sinan into an entirely new world.

Horai is a land akin to Europe's Middle Ages; kings and princes mount vast military campaigns to wrest control of neighboring lands away from their rightful rulers. Traces of magic exist in Horai, manifest in very few individuals and in the six legendary Neoptolemos, powerful, mystical warriors that can be unlocked by one of six magical scrolls, the kind of warriors that could tip the balance in Horai's incessant toil for superiority.

Newly thrust into Horai, Sinan rescued Princess Mayi, the rightful heir to the Kingdom of Gatya, from a group of marauders. With no idea where he is or what he must do, Sinan joined Mayi and was introduced to Prince Noodles, rightful heir to the Kingdom of Pratria and leader of a rebellion against his twin brother Zetsos, who has usurped the throne and aligned himself with various leaders bent on taking over all of Horai. With Sinan's help, the group was able to recapture the Pratrian castle, only to learn that it is no longer the center of Zetsos' growing empire. But Noodles reunited with his mystic Telamon, who suggested they embark on a quest to seek out the Neoptolemos.

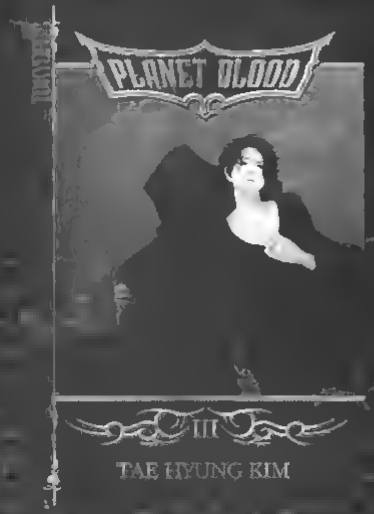


As Sinan, Noodles, Mayi, Satu (Prince Noodle's general) and their band of soldiers set out in search of the Neoptolemos, Indigo and his group of assassins, sent by Zetsos' queen Atalante, stealthily followed the Pratrian assemblage. Still unaware that Noodles has returned, Atalante is desperate to find out who was able to seize Pratria, but it seems as if Indigo has orders from someone else.

Along the journey, the party welcomed into its ranks Scott, a pilot for the Moon Federation who was also warped into the world of Horai. The party also then split into smaller groups as a means to cover more terrain. But it wasn't long before each group was ambushed by Indigo's assassins.

In the confusion, Yan, another Lunar Federation soldier and best friend to Sinan who now works under Zetsos, used Mayi to lead him straight to Prince Noodles. Instead, Mayi came across Sinan and Scott, leading Yan right to his former comrade. Yan told Sinan that he's looking to fill his own ambition for power in this new world and that Sinan should stand at his side in doing so. Sinan refused, Jain Yan, and in the ensuing scuffle, Sinan, Scott, and Mayi fell off a cliff into the raging river below.

Meanwhile, Pantera made contact with Zetsos, and promised the false king of Pratria that he'll bring him the head of Zetsos' military ally Murserek, making Zetsos the defacto leader of not only his own kingdom but also the neighboring kingdom of Murserek, and other outlying lands that can't defend themselves against such a vast army.



Satu, Telamon and Noodles found each other and continued with their search for the Neoptolemos, which leads them to Pylos. Here they attempted to break the seal that holds the Neoptolemos and in doing so, found Mayi and Scott who had wandered into the cave after surviving their fall into a raging river.

Sinan, on the other hand, was found by an old man by the name of Hector, who nursed the young warrior back to help only to use him as a servant.

Murserek VI sent a message to Zetsos that instructed him to mobilize his troops quickly for an invasion of the Kingdom of Noman before support troops from the Kingdom of Romu can re-enforce their army. Zetsos used this opportunity to have Pantera assassinate Murserek in secret, thereby seizing control of his former ally's army and taking command of the war with Noman and Romu.

SO THIS IS THE CAPITAL OF PRATRIA... IT'S SAID TO BE THE CONTINENT'S BIGGEST CITY, AND INDEED...
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT? HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN A TALL BUILDING BEFORE?
STOP WASTING TIME. LET'S GET SOME FOOD
HEY LADY. HOW ABOUT SOME TEA?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID NOT TO WASTE TIME...

UH OH! LOOK WHO'S HERE!
BROTHER HECTOR!
HELLO GIRLS! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
HI, THERE! GET OUT HERE, GIRLS! BROTHER HECTOR IS HERE!
"BROTHER?" THAT'S A LITTLE WEIRD
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME! ALMOST THREE MONTHS!
HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T COME BY?
HEY! HONEY!
HECTOR! YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME, HAVE YOU?
HOW COULD I?
LIAR. THEN WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

OH, WHO'S THIS CUTE LITTLE GUY?
HEY!
OH, HE'S JUST SOME SERVANT I PICKED UP AIN'T HE CUTE? HE'S STILL A BACHELOR
OH, HE IS CUTE
SINCE WHEN DID I BECOME YOUR SERVANT?
NO GIRL? WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?
WAS HE DROPPED FROM THE MOON OR WHAT?
YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT!
COME HERE, HECTOR I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU
NOT NOW. I'LL STOP BY LATER TONIGHT
YOU'D BETTER!
HEY! DON'T HOG HECTOR FOR YOURSELF!
I GO AFTER WHAT I WANT, SISTER!
HAH! LIKE YOU'D KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM!
WHO...WHO ARE THOSE WOMEN?
THEY'RE MY FAN CLUB

THOSE WOMEN ARE VERY USEFUL. THAT'S WHY I SPEND TIME WITH THEM
USEFUL?
BAR GIRLS HEAR ALL THE GOSSIP - AND THEY CERTAINLY DON'T KEEP IT TO THEMSELVES
AND THAT'S THE ONLY REASON, EH?
NOW, DON'T BE JEALOUS. LET'S EAT HERE
YOU...YOU GO IN FIRST AND WAIT FOR ME. I NEED TO BUY SOME HERBS.
OKAY.
OOPS SORRY, GRANDPA!
What's he calling grandpa?

MAYI!
HELLO, SCOTT!

SORRY I'M LATE.
I WAS TRAINING WITH SATU ALL DAY. SWORD WORK.

IT'S OKAY, I JUST ARRIVED, AS WELL

SO, ARE YOU READY?
I GUESS IS THIS THE START OF THE "DATE"?

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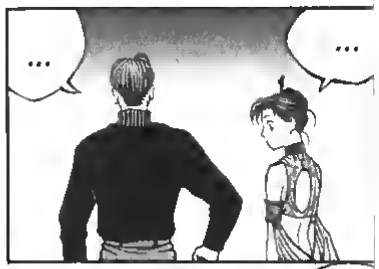
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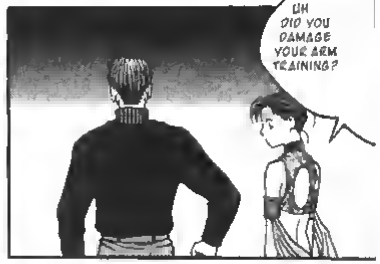

UH DID YOU DAMAGE YOUR ARM TRAINING?

NO, NO I'M NOT HURT
Ah
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SLIP YOUR ARM UNDER MINE AND WE WALK TOGETHER LIKE THAT
THIS "DATE" THING... IT SEEMS QUITE COMPLICATED
BUT IF YOU SAY SO...
SO, NOW THE "DATE" HAS STARTED?
YES YES, IT HAS!
SHALL WE GO?
WHERE?
FIRST, WE'LL HAVE LUNCH AT A NICE PLACE I FOUND
THEN, WE'LL HAVE TEA IN THE OPEN MARKET, AND THEN WE'LL GO FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS AND THEN
AH, NOW THAT WAS A GOOD MEAL!
AFTER EATING SWILL EVERYDAY, IT'S NICE TO FINALLY ENJOY A GOOD MEAL
SWILL? I'VE BEEN COOKING FOR YOU, YOU OLD--
HMM, IT'S ALMOST TIME
TIME? FOR WHAT?
YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT RETIRE TO OUR ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE INN. I'LL BE IN AROUND DAWN
AH, I GET IT! YOU'RE GOING TO GO SEE THOSE GIRLS!

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE FUN WITHOUT ME, AREN'T YOU?
OH, PIPE DOWN, YOU CHILD!
I HAVE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF NOW LISTEN TO ME IF YOU DON'T --
YOU CAN LIE BETTER THAN THAT! YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE ME BECAUSE YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING!
EH HEH AND YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW ME AND FIND OUT WHAT, EH?
IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!
HEY!
I WARNED HIM...!
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY?
ENRICO, DARLING! I WAS ATTACKED!
HOW DARE YOU TOUCH MY GIRL!
ANIMAL!
IT WASN'T ME, IT WAS Y--!
HEY, YOUNG FELLOW I KNOW YOU MUST BE HORNY AS HELL, BUT WHY SLAP THE ASS OF SOMEONE ELSE'S WOMAN?
AH...SO IT WAS YOU, HUH?
NO! NO, IT WASN'T ME...!
THESE CITY BOYS REALLY NEED TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON
DARLING, POUND THAT GUY SENSELESS FOR ME!
SCHOOL STARTS RIGHT NOW!
HEH... I WARNED YOU, DIDN'T I?

UH OH!
I FORGOT TO PAY FOR THE MEAL!
AH WELL, SINAN WLL TAKE CARE OF IT.
OH, HOW CUTE!
CUTE? TALKING ABOUT ME?
...
SCOTT! LOOK AT THIS! ISN'T HE CUTE?
AH!
I'M GLAD I RAN INTO YOU AGAIN, PUNK! GRANDPA? DO I LOOK LIKE A GRANDPA TO YOU?
WELL, YES BUT...WHAT ARE YOU, THEN?
WELL, I AM OLDER THAN YOU A LITTLE SO JUST CALL ME OLDER BROTHER
UH, OKAY
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
HIS NAME IS BRI
Yes, I am
BRI THAT'S SO CUTE!
GRAN--I MEAN, OLDER BROTHER, WOULD YOU SELL HIM?
SORRY, BUT I CANNOT. HE'S MY CLOSEST COMPANION
BUT BUT
THOSE DOE EYES WON'T WORK ON ME!
THE ANSWER IS NO LET'S GO, BRI
>SNIFF<
I REALLY WANTED HIM
NOT MUCH WE CAN DO. LET'S GO, MAY!

MAYI?

HOLD ON A SECOND YOUR NAME IS MAYI?
SO WHAT?

SINAN...

NO, NO SHE MUST JUST HAVE THE SAME NAME
HE SAID THAT HIS MAYI IS DEAD
DEAD...?

WHAT'S YOUR FRIEND'S NAME?

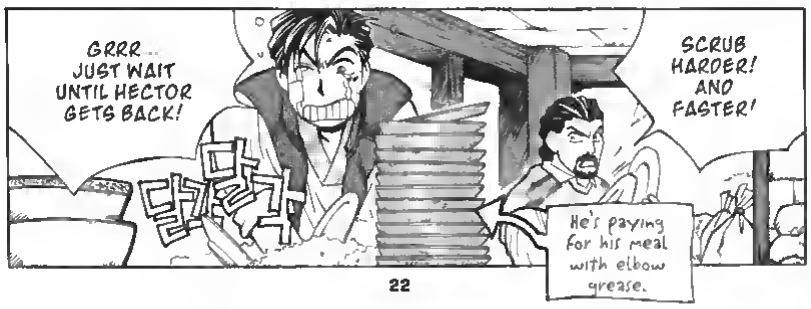
HE'S NOT MY FRIEND HE'S MY SERVANT
THEN WHAT'S YOUR SER-VANT'S NAME?

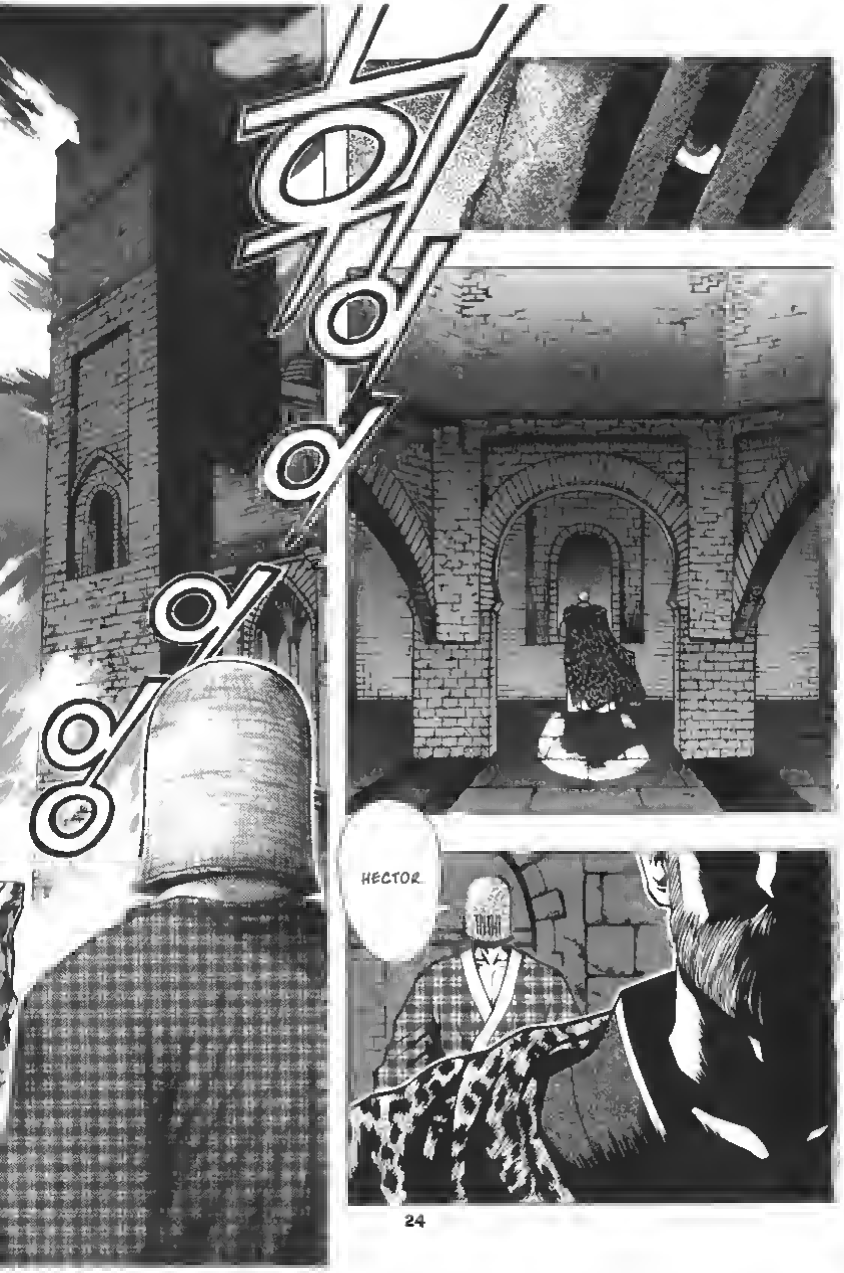
WHY? DO YOU KNOW HIM?

SCOTT ARE WE GOING?

SCOTT?
DO YOU AND SINAN KNOW EACH OTHER?
N...NO
WHAT WERE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
NOTHING NOT A THING
DAMN, THE CITY'S FULL OF WEIRDOS
I DON'T KNOW HIM.
I KNEW A MAN NAMED THAT, BUT HE'S DEAD.
COME ON, MAY!
I'M SORRY, SINAN, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE.
THERE IS NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO.

IF YOU CAME BACK... IF YOU CAME BACK FOR MAYI...
...SHE WOULD LEAVE ME.


GRRR... JUST WAIT UNTIL HECTOR GETS BACK!
SCRUB HARDER! AND FASTER!
He's paying for his meal with elbow grease.


HECTOR

AH, THERE YOU ARE, INDIGO
IT'S BEEN A WHILE

IT HAS
I TAKE IT YOU RECEIVED THE MESSAGE?
I DID BUT BEFORE WE DIVE INTO BUSINESS
COME OVER HERE IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE WE'VE HAD A DRINK TOGETHER

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED THE SERENITY OF THE DIKE SHRINE AS A YOUNG BOY, I WOULD OFTEN COME UP HERE TO BE ALONE WITH MY THOUGHTS
THE SHRINE HAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE CITY
Dike: Goddess of Justice and the Guardian Goddess of Pratria.

HOWEVER, ONE DAY AS I SAT IN THIS HOLY PLACE, I BEGAN TO QUESTION EXACTLY WHAT JUSTICE IT IS THAT DIKE DIVINES? WHOSE JUSTICE? AND WHY DO WE BELIEVE IN GODS IN THE FIRST PLACE? DOES IT MEAN THAT WE ARE TOO WEAK TO PROTECT OURSELVES?
DID WE CREATE THE IMAGE OF AN ALMIGHTY GOD? WHAT IF IT'S A FALSE IMAGE? ISN'T WORSHIPPING FALSE JUSTICE AS BAD AS WORSHIPPING INJUSTICE?
I ABANDONED MY POSITION AS KING AND BEGAN WANDERING, BUT I NEVER FOUND THE ANSWER
I CAME TO KNOW ONLY ONE THING FOR CERTAIN...
OUR GENERATION FAILED, BUT MY SON'S GENERATION MAY SUCCEED

I THOUGHT PANTERA AND MINTE WERE DEAD BUT THEY MAY OUTLIVE THE GODS WHO TRIED TO BURY THEM SO MAY NOODLES AND ZETSOS
SOMEONE WILL SOLVE THIS RIDDLE I DON'T KNOW WHO, BUT SOMEONE
PERHAPS THE STRONGEST OF THEM OR THE SMARTEST
...
I'D BE LYING IF I SAID NO
DON'T YOU WANT TO MEET THEM?
NOODLES WAS SO MUCH LIKE ME I ADMIRED AND PITIED HIM BECAUSE OF THAT
ZETSOS SEEMED COLD, BRITTLE AND EASILY BROKEN
PANTERA AND MINTE HUNGERED FOR AFFECTION MOST OF ALL FROM EACH OTHER

THEY MUST ALL HATE ME...
...FOR ABANDONING THEM

BUT IF YOU HADN'T LEFT, THIS CONTINENT WOULD NOT HAVE RISEN TO GREATNESS
THEY GREW UP TO BE SUCCESSFUL *BECAUSE* OF HARDSHIPS, JUST AS YOU HAD PLANNED...

AND I HAVE WHAT YOU ALSO WANTED...

HERE IS THE LAST KEY TO UNLOCK THE NEOPTOLEMOS

NOW, YOU'RE BLUFFING, AREN'T YOU? YOU WON'T REALLY USE IT?

IT IS A DIFFICULT CHOICE, YES' BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE

IF THEY WANT TO SEE THE TRUE GODDESS OF JUSTICE
...NEOPTOLEMOS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WILL LEAD THEM TO HER DOOR

BUT NO ONE KNOWS THE PRICE OF UNLOCKING THAT POWER...THE PRICE OF SEEING THE FACE OF GOD.
PERHAPS FINDING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GODS WILL CAUSE TIME ITSELF TO END... THEN START ANEW.

AH...AH...

AH-CHOO!

WHEW IT REALLY GETS COLD HERE AT NIGHT!
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OOO WHERE DID THAT HORNY OLD DEVIL GO?

C..COULD IT BE..?
NO! IT COULDN'T!
BROTHER HECTOR!
He who lacks a lover believes that everyone else does.
HA HA HA! THIS IS LIVING!

WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO BE LIKE THAT WHEN I GET OLD.
EH?
NO I'M NOT GIVING MONEY TO BEGGARS!
BUT IT'S SO SAD. HE'S SO YOUNG
PEOPLE WHO WORK MADE OUR COUNTRY GREAT, NOT BUMS LIKE HIM WHO WASTE THEIR YOUTH
GRRR
SO THERE!
SO WHAT?
SO WHAT? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I GOT THE CRAP KNOCKED OUT OF ME BECAUSE OF YOU, AND I HAD TO WASH DISHES TO PAY FOR YOUR MEAL
AND NOW I'M SITTING HERE IN THE STREET, SHIVERING WITH COLD, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR A ROOM WHILE YOU'RE OUT WITH BEAUTIFUL WOMEN
HOW COULD YOU?
WHA WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
HEY, YOU! YOU THINK I'M A BEGGAR?
DAD, IS THAT A BEGGAR?
YES STAY FAR AWAY
Beggar
HOW...
HOW COULD YOU ABANDON ME LIKE THAT? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I FOLLOWED YOU HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
HE ABANDONED HIM
HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO BE HIS FATHER HOW CREEPY
THEY MUST BE QUITE CLOSE
HEY, THEY'RE GETTING THE WRONG IDEA! GET UP!
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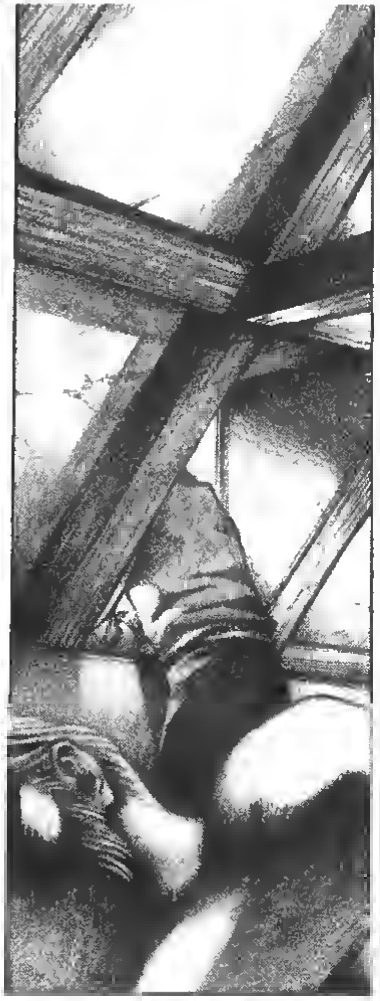
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING SITTING AROUND? YOU LOOK LIKE A BEGGAR
I'M NOT A BEGGAR!

I TOLD YOU THE TRUTH
I HAD IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO CONDUCT IN THE CITY. MY BUSINESS, NOT YOURS
I'M TIRED A LOT TO DO TODAY
>YAWN<
OOMPH!
OOOW..! MY BACK! YOU CAN LIE ABOUT YOUR AGE, BUT IT ALWAYS CATCHES UP
HAH! YOU SEE? YOU SEE?
YOU DID GO TO A WHOREHOUSE, DIDN'T YOU?
I TOLD YOU, NO!
NO? THEN YOUR BACK HURTS FOR NO REASON, EH?
...
HECTOR, ARE YOU ASLEEP?
ZZZZZZZ

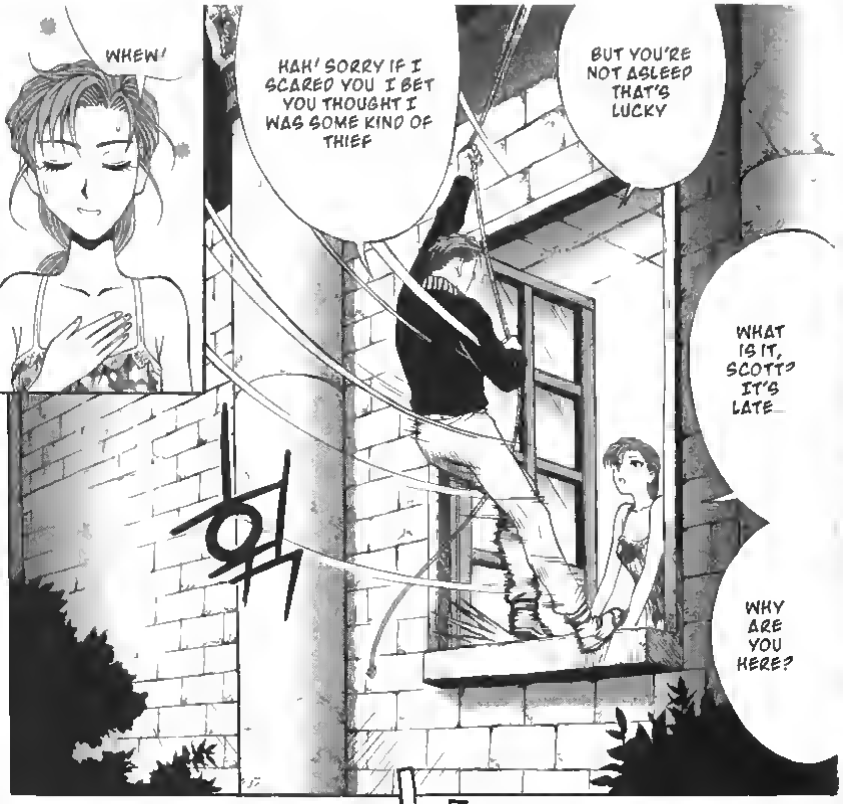
THERE'S THE PRATRIAN CASTLE.

BUT HOW CAN THE CASTLE BE SO PEACEFUL... NOW THAT MAYI'S DEAD?
THE WORLD SHOULD BE MOURNING HER, LIKE LIKE I AM.



I WONDER IF NOODLES AND SATU ARE WELL.
AND TELAMON...
AND

MAYI?
MM. HUH?
MAYI!
WHO WHO'S THERE?
MAYI, IT'S ME, SCOTT!
HUH?
S_SCOTT?
What are you doing out there?
PRINCESS! WHAT'S WRONG?
EWWW!
N_NOTHING! NOTHING'S WRONG! I HAD A NIGHTMARE!
IF I FALL, THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN IS DEATH!
PRINCESS, THE WINDOW IS
IT WAS A BIT HOT I OPENED IT THAT'S ALL


WHEW!
HAH! SORRY IF I SCARED YOU I BET YOU THOUGHT I WAS SOME KIND OF THIEF
BUT YOU'RE NOT ASLEEP THAT'S LUCKY
WHAT IS IT, SCOTT? IT'S LATE...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

OUR DATE'S NOT OVER YET IT'S NOT EVEN MIDNIGHT.
WE HAVE TO FINISH IT OFF IN GRAND STYLE.

UH HOW?

PRINCE NOODLES, WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK TO ME?
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU... BUT HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN ME?

I CAN'T WAIT ANYMORE I'LL COME TO YOU

ATALANTE?

ATALANTE!

ATALANTE
TELAMON
SINAN
SATU
PSYCHE
MAYI
PANTERA
ZETSOS
DAILY NEWS
NINE INCH NAILS
YAN
MINTE
SCOTT
NOODLES

I FELL ASLEEP
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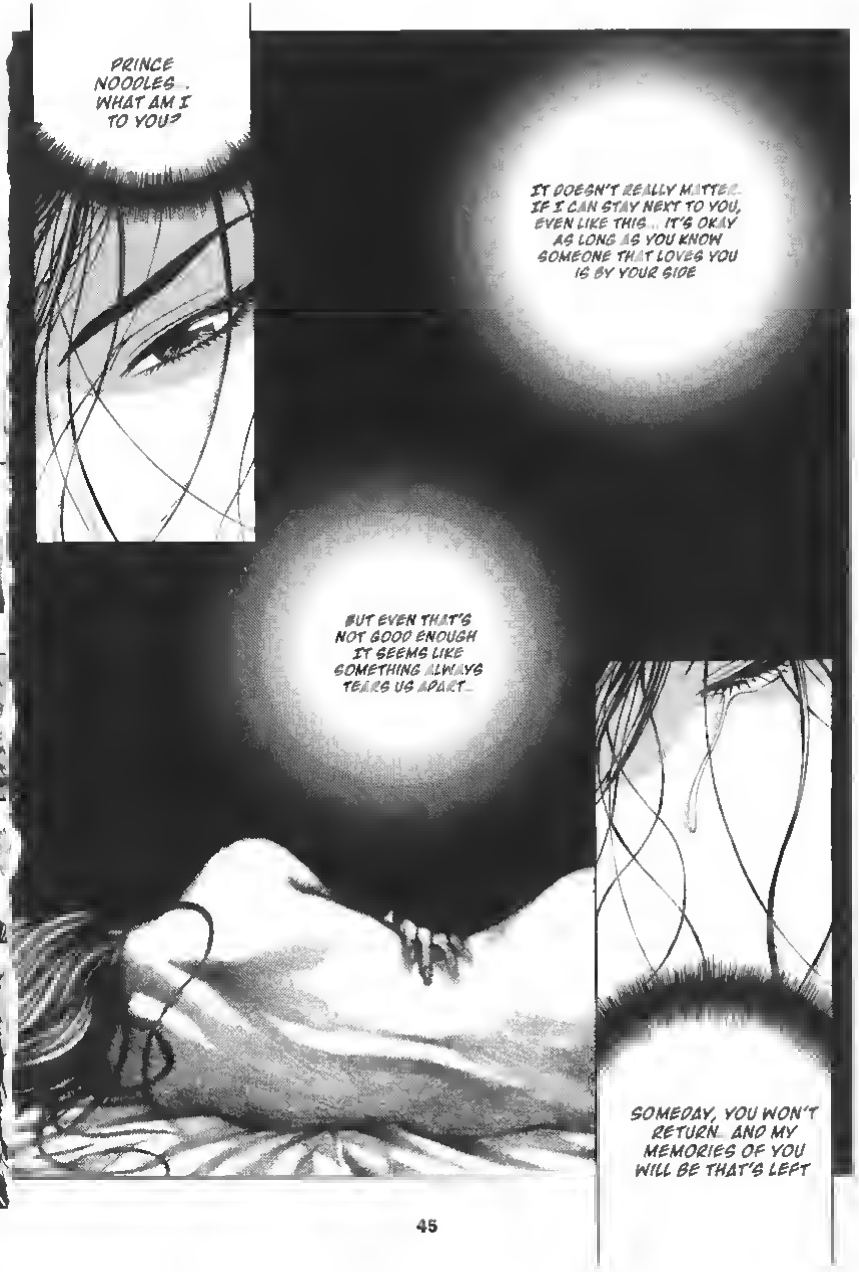
ANYONE THERE?


PRINCE NOODLES.. WHAT AM I TO YOU?
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF I CAN STAY NEXT TO YOU, EVEN LIKE THIS.. IT'S OKAY AS LONG AS YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT LOVES YOU IS BY YOUR SIDE
BUT EVEN THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING ALWAYS TEARS US APART...
SOMEDAY, YOU WON'T RETURN. AND MY MEMORIES OF YOU WILL BE THAT'S LEFT

NOW WHAT'S THIS?

I'm scared!
That's what I just don't look down

THE NORTH TOWER I WONDER WHO...
NOW WHAT?

Ha ha! Made it
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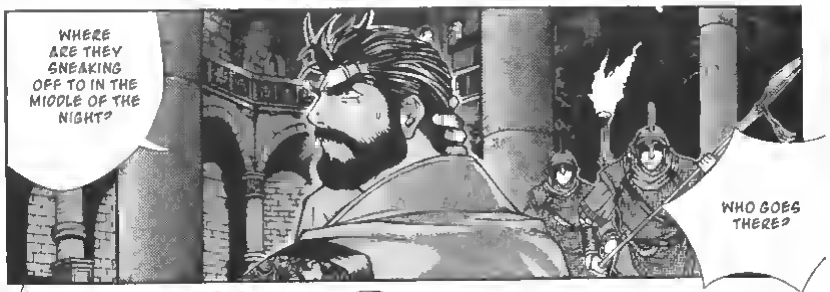
HUH? SCOTT AND MAYI?

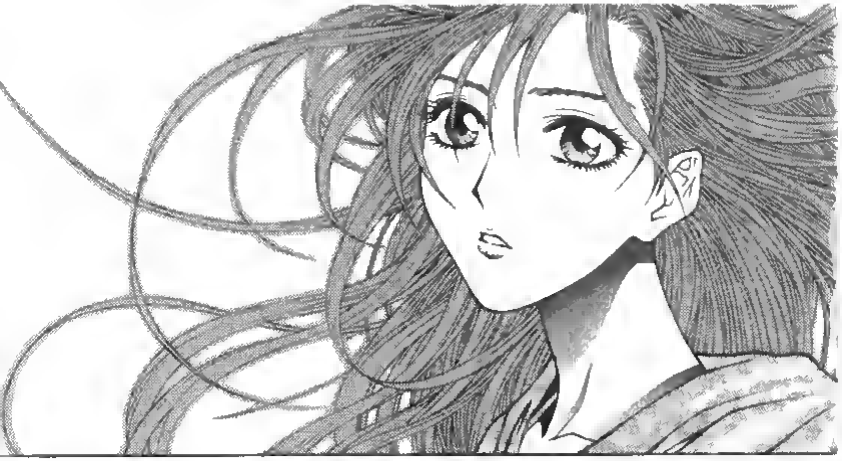

WHERE ARE THEY SNEAKING OFF TO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
WHO GOES THERE?

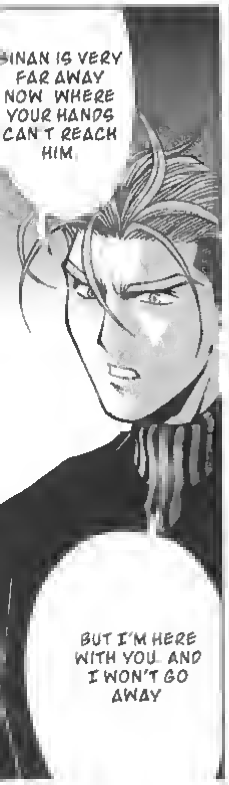
OH! SIRE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT
PLEASE FORGIVE US!
GOOD JOB

TELAMON STILL HASN'T EMERGED?
NO, NOT YET, SIRE

WE WILL LEAD YOU THERE PLEASE FOLLOW US SIRE
...

OOOH!
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL? THE WIND CLEARS THE MIST FROM THE VALLEY AND OPENS UP THE ENTIRE SKY TO US
SATU SAID THAT TONIGHT'S MOON IS THE BIGGEST OF THE YEAR
IT FEELS LIKE I CAN REACH OUT AND TOUCH IT
AND SO MANY STARS
I SAW HIM IN MY DREAMS LAST NIGHT
BUT HE WAS SO FAR AWAY
SO FAR AWAY THAT I COULDN'T EVEN SEE HIS FACE
SINAN LOVED GAZING AT THE SKY
WE WOULD OFTEN DO IT TOGETHER
BUT HE ALWAYS LOOKED UPON THE STARS WITH SAD EYES
HE WOULD MENTION THAT WHERE HE COMES FROM, HE CAN'T SEE THE MOON AND THAT IN HIS FUTURE--
YOU'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT SINAN?
I WOKE UP AND I TRIED TO REMEMBER HIS FACE, BUT I COULDN'T
HE'S ONLY BEEN GONE FOR TWO WEEKS
BUT SOMEHOW I CAN'T REMEMBER HIS FACE
MAVI, NOW I'M HERE
REMEMBER MY FACE

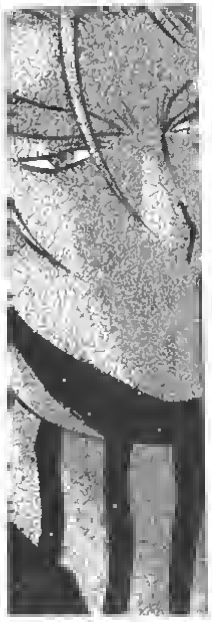



SINAN IS VERY FAR AWAY NOW WHERE YOUR HANDS CAN'T REACH HIM.
BUT I'M HERE WITH YOU. AND I WON'T GO AWAY

SCOTT .

LOOK INTO MY EYES
SEE YOUR OWN FACE THERE

REMEMBER MY FACE ..
...AND TAKE ME ..



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LOOK
A MERCHANT WAGON? THEY WERE PROBABLY ATTACKED BY MURGEREK'S FORCES
NO, BEYOND THE WAGON
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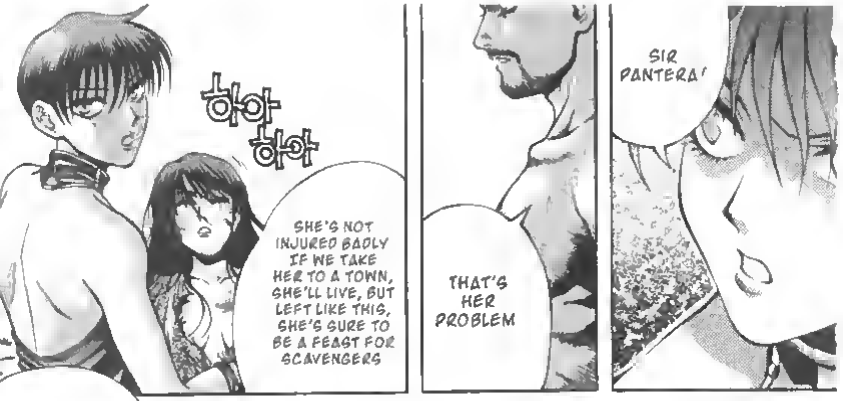
SHE'S STILL ALIVE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MINTE? ROMU'S REINFORCEMENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE TODAY WE HAVE TO RENDEZVOUS WITH ZETGOS
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON PEASANTS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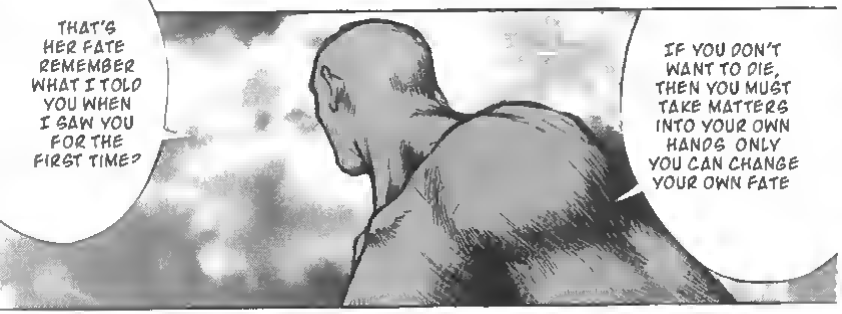
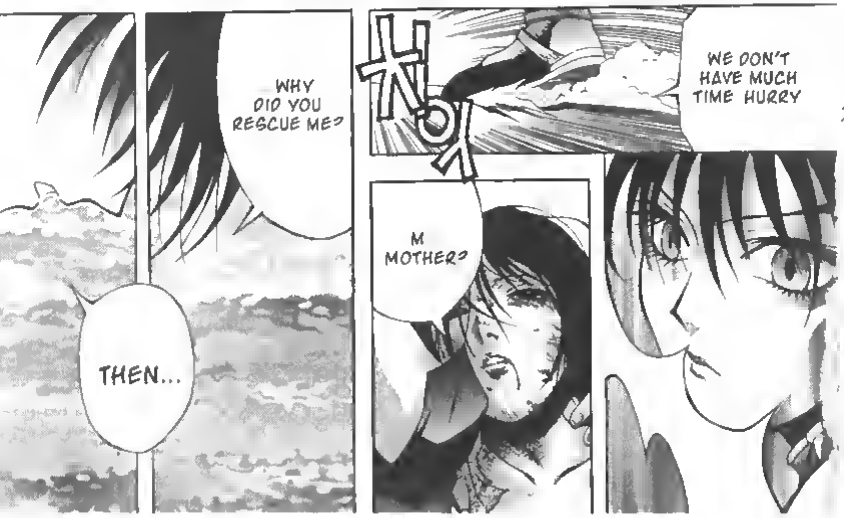
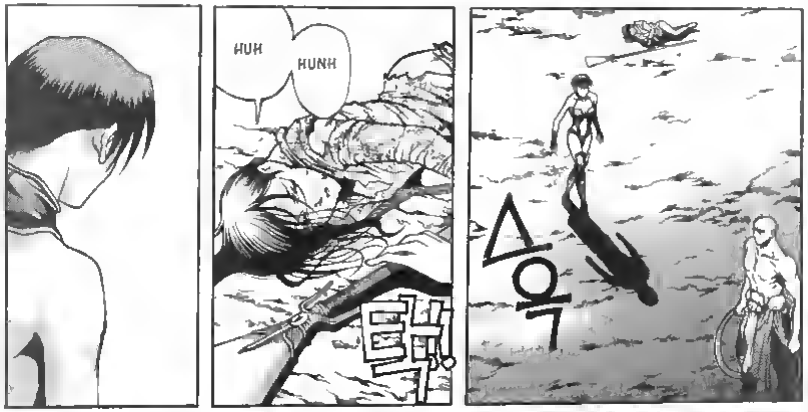
SHE'S NOT INJURED BADLY IF WE TAKE HER TO A TOWN, SHE'LL LIVE, BUT LEFT LIKE THIS, SHE'S SURE TO BE A FEAST FOR SCAVENGERS
THAT'S HER PROBLEM
SIR PANTERA!


THAT'S HER FATE REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU WHEN I SAW YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, THEN YOU MUST TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS ONLY YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR OWN FATE


WHY DID YOU RESCUE ME?
THEN...
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME HURRY
M MOTHER?

MINTE PLEASE DON'T BE STUBBORN ABOUT THIS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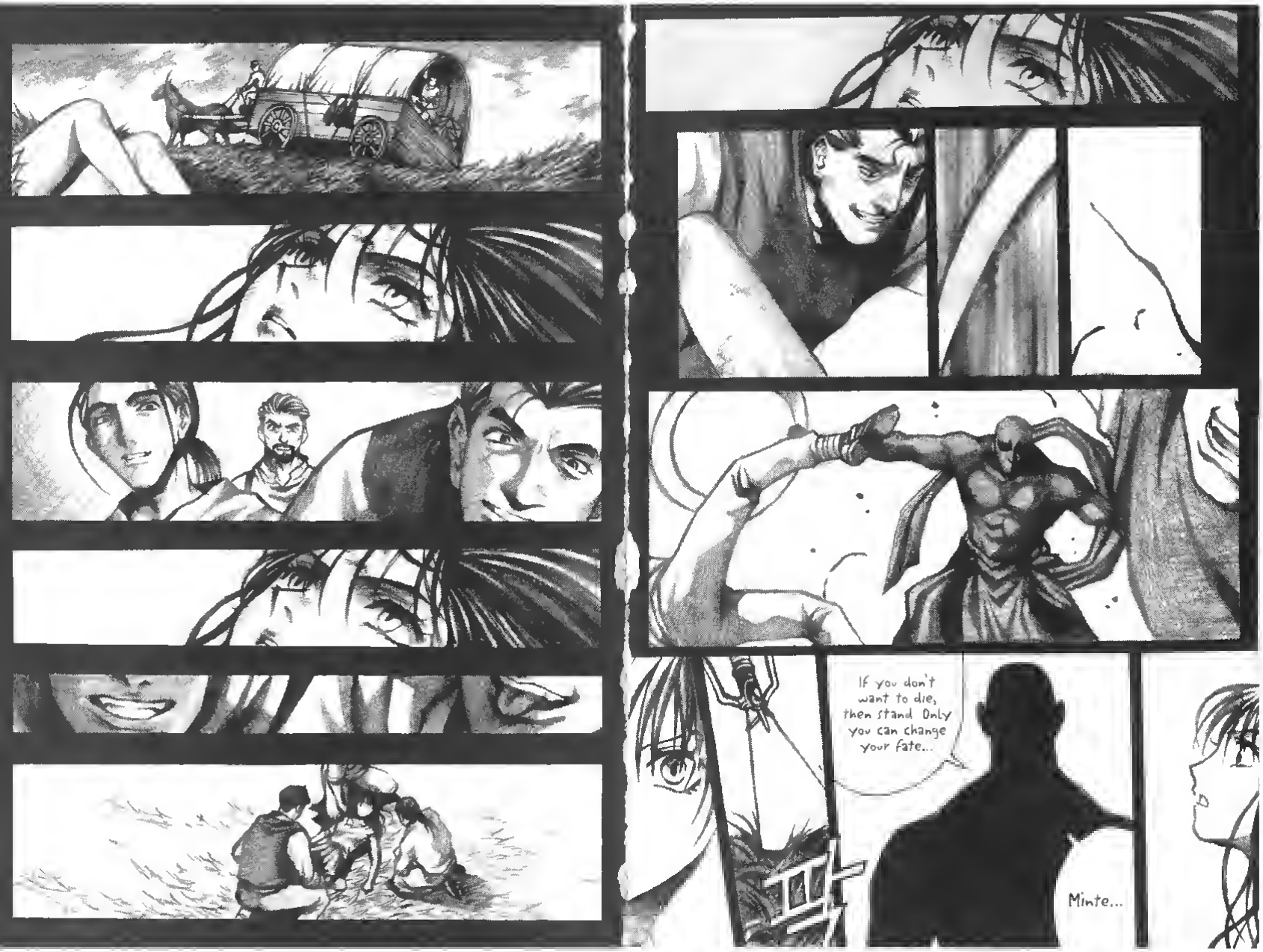
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU HANDED ME A WEAPON WHEN YOU FOUND ME
YOU TOLD ME TO CARVE OUT MY FATE WITH THAT SWORD
...

M...Mom!
I'm afraid there's only one way, Minte
Mother can't stay with you anymore...
No! Don't leave me here!
I want to stay with you. But... this is the only way...
Minte, hide! I can't...I can't...
You have to live...
Over there!
Hide! You cannot come out of there, no matter what...
SSS
I hope..
At least you can avoid this fate...
If only one of us is to live...
She's over there! Stop!
It's the edge of a cliff! There's nowhere to run!
Mommy!

Damn it! She threw herself over!
What a waste!
What happened to the child?
She took the kid with her, Telamon
That child was Minte...
Then the tragedy is complete...

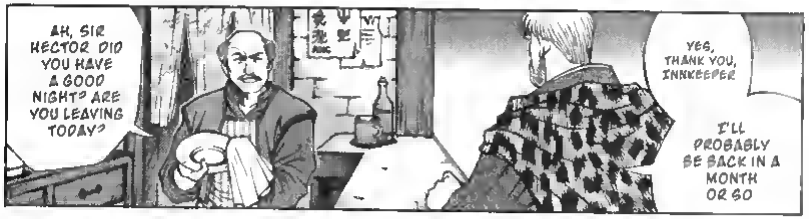

If you don't want to die, then stand. Only you can change your fate...
Minte...

That long hair of yours...
We need to cut it
HUH?
SO WHY DID YOU RESCUE ME?
BECAUSE IT WAS YOU
MINTE...

WHY WERE YOU SLEEPING BY THAT DRAFTY WINDOW WHEN THERE WAS A PERFECTLY FINE BED?

ARE WE GOING BACK TODAY?

NOT RIGHT AWAY WE HAVE TO BUY SOME SUPPLIES, AND THEN WE'LL HEAD BACK
WHY DO YOU ASK?
OH, NO REASON
LOOK, IT'S ONLY MORNING, AND THIS PLACE IS ALREADY FILLED WITH PEOPLE


AH, SIR HECTOR DID YOU HAVE A GOOD NIGHT? ARE YOU LEAVING TODAY?
YES, THANK YOU, INNKEEPER
I'LL PROBABLY BE BACK IN A MONTH OR SO

DO YOU HAVE ANY BUSINESS WITHIN THE CASTLE?

CASTLE PRATRIA?
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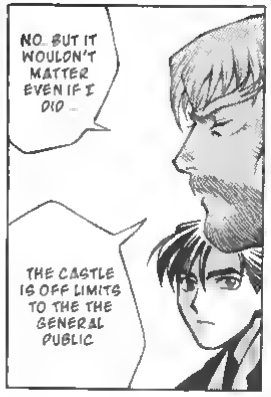
NO. BUT IT WOULDN'T MATTER EVEN IF I DID —
THE CASTLE IS OFF LIMITS TO THE THE GENERAL PUBLIC

YOU WOULDN'T BY ANY CHANCE HAVE STAYED AT THE CASTLE BEFORE, HM?

...

OH COURSE YOU HAVE! MY INSTINCTS ARE INCREDIBLE!
UNGGH!

HEY, HOW IS IT INSIDE THE CASTLE? I'LL BET IT'S GREAT! THERE MUST BE TONS OF FEMALE SERVANTS IN THERE, HUH?
WHAT DID YOU DO THERE?
KNOWING YOU, YOU WERE PROBABLY CLEANING THE STABLES OR THE TOILETS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
MY ENTIRE LIFE IS A JOKE TO HIM

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? ARE YOU GOING TO GO BACK TO THE CASTLE, OR —
NO, I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK EVER

THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO GO BACK
ALL THAT'S LEFT FOR ME THERE ARE PAINFUL MEMORIES

WHOA!
IS THAT ALCOHOL OR DRAIN CLEANER?
IT'S A DELIGHTFUL DRINK, BEST WITH A MEAL
WELL, THEN--
IT'S THE ELIXIR OF THE GODS, TOP-QUALITY STUFF, VERY HARD TO COME BY
IT'S DISTILLED FROM THE CALYPSO FLOWER, A VERY DELICATE SWEETNESS THEY BLOOM ONLY ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS—
IT'S A BIT STRONG
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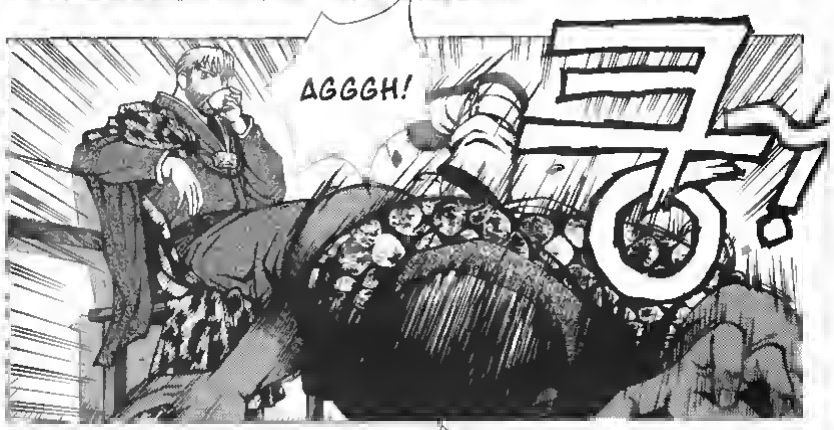
YOU COULDN'T HAVE TOLD ME THAT BEFORE I DRANK IT?
I'M TELLING YOU NOW
THIS IS SOME VILE, DISGUSTING STUFF
...
He likes it

WHAT DOES YOUR GIRL, MAYI, LOOK LIKE?
WHA—?
See he likes it
OH, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY
NOT THAT I'VE SEEN HER BECAUSE I HAVEN'T I'M JUST CURIOUS
AH, MAYI
SHE HAS LONG BROWN HAIR, SOFT TO THE TOUCH
AND SHE HAS DEEP EYES THAT SPARKLE IN THE NIGHT
HER CHEEKS ARE REAR-CHERUBIN
HER NOSE IS SO SLIGHTLY UPTURNED, HER LIPS STRONG AND MAGNIFICENT, HER NECK, LONG AND GRACEFUL, LIKE A SWAN AND HER BREASTS, LIKE TWO APPLES
To each his own.

SHE'S DEAD THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T RETURN
DO YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR HER DEATH?
...
YOU CAN'T BE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF
I'VE GOT SOME YEARS ON YOU, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE
THERE ARE A LOT OF WOMEN IN THIS WORLD
THOUGH YOU CAN'T LOVE THEM ALL, OF COURSE I MEAN, YOU'D BE ARRESTED IF--
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
THERE ARE PLENTY OF FISH IN THE SEA, AND --HUH?
HEY, YOU! THE BIG, UGLY ONE! YEAH, YOU!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOUR LIQUOR IS DOING THE TALKING, FRIEND!
HA HA HA! I LET YOU OFF EASY YESTERDAY, BUT I TOLD YOU NOT TO PATH MY CROSS AGAIN!
I WAS THE ONE WHO LET YOU OFF, REMEM--?
AGGGH!
OH, NO!
...
HUH?
OH, NO YOU'RE DRUNK
NO, NO I'M AS JOBER AS A SUDGE
HEE HEE HEE BUT I FEEL REAL GOOD CARRY ON, BROTHER HECTOR
I WAS SAYING THAT YOU CAN'T LIVE YOUR WHOLE LIFE WITH YOUR HEART COMMITTED TO ONE WOMAN IF YOU WERE GONE, SURELY SHE WOULD--
HEY, YOU! YEAH, YOU!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE! IT'S FUNNY, YES?
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!

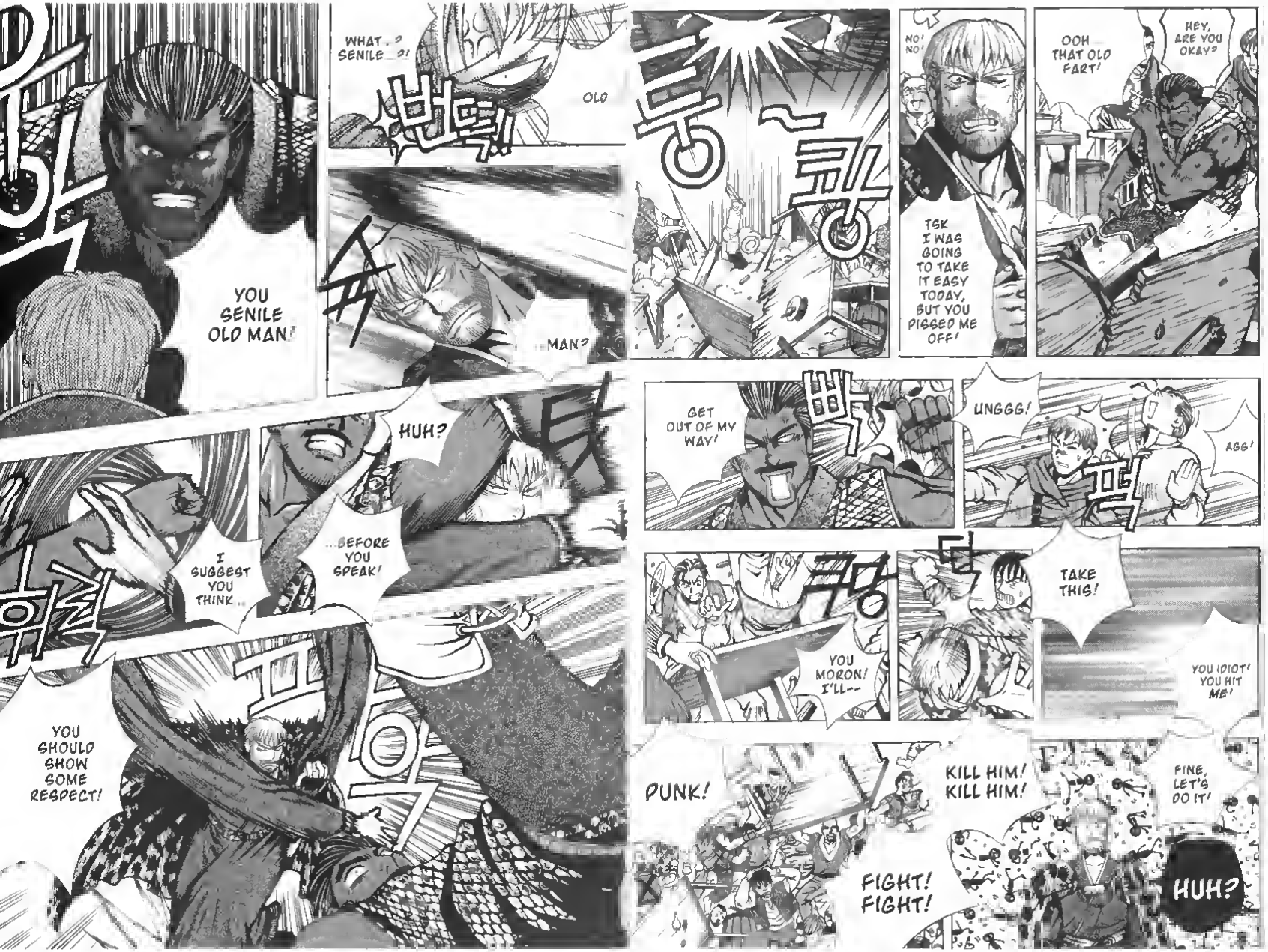
AH! YOU'RE TOO DRUNK TO EVEN STAND
...UP?
I'M JUST GETTING STARTED, MY FRIEND!
HEH HEH HEH... YA BLOODY FOOL!

NOW YOU'RE GOING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I REALLY GET MAD!
NO, MY SHOP--!


AGGGH!

IT'S A LOT OF WORK TRIPPING YOU! LIKE TOPPLING A TREE!
But even the tallest trees fall

MOMMY!
OOH.. YOU...


YOU SENILE OLD MAN!
WHAT..? SENILE..?!
OLD
..MAN?
HUH?
I SUGGEST YOU THINK..
..BEFORE YOU SPEAK!
YOU SHOULD SHOW SOME RESPECT!
NO! NO!
TSK I WAS GOING TO TAKE IT EASY TODAY, BUT YOU PISSED ME OFF!
OOH... THAT OLD FART!
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
UNGGG!
AGG!
YOU MORON! I'LL--
TAKE THIS!
YOU IDIOT! YOU HIT ME!
PUNK!
KILL HIM! KILL HIM!
FIGHT! FIGHT!
FINE, LET'S DO IT!
HUH?

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
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NOT THE FACE!
NOT THE FACE!
ARGH!
HMM HUH?
UHH SOMEONE STARTED A FIGHT
우와아앙
OOH... I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD
울컹
HEY, YOU PUNK!
HUH...?
UH WHAT?
THERE YOU ARE!
HEY, HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!
WANNA PLAY TOUGH?
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HOW DOES THAT FEEL, YOU MOUTHY SON OF A BITCH!
...
UH, SINAN?
HUH?
OOH... I I WARNED YOU...! I'M GOING TO BE...
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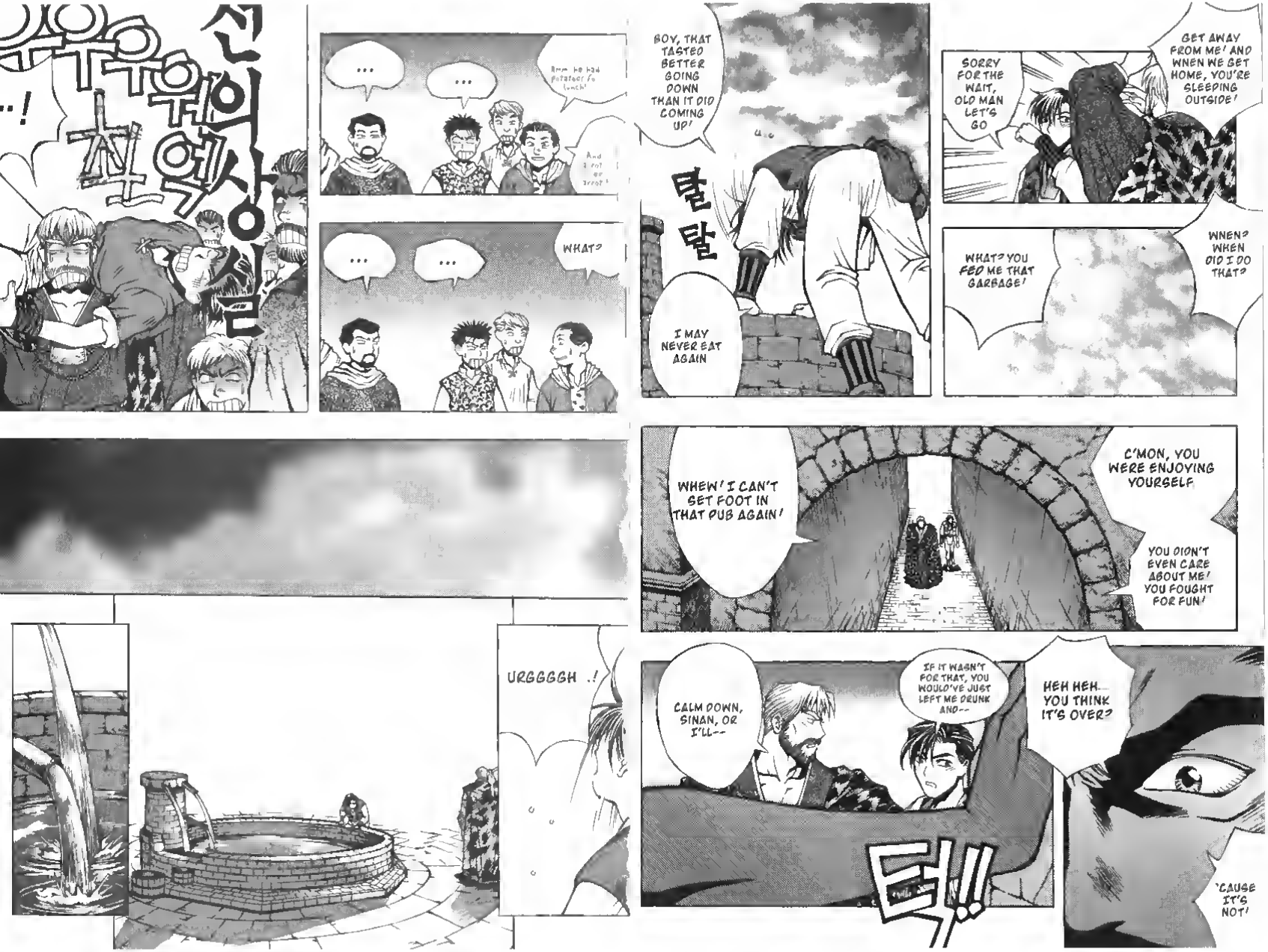
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Hmm, he has potatoes for lunch!
And a pot on his head!
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WHAT?
BOY, THAT TASTED BETTER GOING DOWN THAN IT DID COMING UP!
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I MAY NEVER EAT AGAIN
SORRY FOR THE WAIT, OLD MAN LET'S GO
GET AWAY FROM ME! AND WNEN WE GET HOME, YOU'RE SLEEPING OUTSIDE!
WHAT? YOU FED ME THAT GARBAGE!
WNEN? WHEN DID I DO THAT?
WHEW! I CAN'T SET FOOT IN THAT PUB AGAIN!
C'MON, YOU WERE ENJOYING YOURSELF
YOU DION'T EVEN CARE ABOUT ME! YOU FOUGHT FOR FUN!
URGGGGH .!
CALM DOWN, SINAN, OR I'LL--
IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT, YOU WOULD'VE JUST LEFT ME DRUNK AND--
HEH HEH... YOU THINK IT'S OVER?
'CAUSE IT'S NOT!

GRRRR!

TODAY WAS THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE AND SOMEONE'S GOING TO PAY FOR THAT
AND I THINK YOU'RE JUST THE MAN FOR THE JOB
SAY GOODNIGHT, PUMPKIN!

EH?

AH! YOU STILL SMELL HORRIBLE! DID YOU BATHE?
SHUT UP!
LOOK, I REALLY APOLOGIZE. I'M NOT USED TO THAT LIQUOR, AND--
HEY, LET'S JUST PRETEND LIKE TODAY NEVER HAPPENED!

GET HIM, SINAN!

AGGGH!
YOU BEGAN THE FIGHT WITH HIM, BUT I'LL FINISH IT! I'D PREFER A SWORD
BUT STREET THUGS LIKE YOU I CAN BEAT WITH MY BARE HANDS
SO WHY DID YOU USE MY HEAD?
YOU NEVER USE IT, SO I THOUGHT I WOULD
I'M GOING TO MURDER BOTH OF YOU
SHUT UP! YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT HURT?
OH! WHY ALL THE DRAMA?
WHY THE DRAMA? ARE YOU ACTUALLY ASKING ME THAT?

TEAR THE GUY APART!
BIG TALK.
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JUST TAG ME IN WHEN-EVER, SINAN
HII-YAH!
ENOUGH REVERSE PSYCHOL-OGY, OLD MAN!
WHO'S USING REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY?
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I DID NOT SEE THAT COMING
HE'S ACTUALLY DOING QUITE WELL MAYBE I CAN GIT THIS ONE OUT

YEAH, ALL SIZZLE AND NO STEAK. GOOD THING HE DIDN'T MEET ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG

HEY, HOLD ON THERE!
COOL OFF FOR A MINUTE, WILL YOU?

PFFT!

I'M TRYING TO BE NICE AND YOU ALL GANG UP ON ME?

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I HAD QUITE A TEMPER

ARGH!

OKAY, THAT DOES IT!

NOW I'M MAD!

WE OUTNUMBER HIM! SURROUND HIM!
YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB, SINAN!
I HAVE TO ADMIT I'M SURPRISED! AND IMPRESSED!
UNGGH!
THIS IS SERIOUS, OLD MAN! STOP JOKING AROUND!
DAMN IT!
DAMN THAT HURT!
HEH HEH HEH! WISEASS YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS, PUNK!
AAAH!
KUH!
NOW I'VE GOT YOU!
HUH

DIE!
DIE?
ARRGH!
THAT'S ALL YOU GOT!
EH? WHAT WAS THAT?
AH!
ECO? JUST IN TIME!

HAVING A FIGHT, EH?
ON MY TURF? WITHOUT MY PERMISSION? YOU KNOW THE RULES!
WE NEED YOU! HELP US, ECO!
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE OUTNUMBERED, AND--
SO YOU'RE CRYING FOUL BECAUSE YOU'RE LOSING? TO ONE MAN?
THIS IS WHY YOU THIRD CLASS BANDITS WILL NEVER GET AHEAD IN THE WORLD!
...
ARGH!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THIS GUY
SOMEONE OWES ME BIG FOR STARTING A FIGHT ON MY--
WOW!
HE'S JUST MY TYPE!
TALL, DARK AND VIOLENT!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
HEY, LITTLE GIRL YOU'RE GOING TO GET HURT HANGING AROUND HERE
BETTER SCURRY OFF BEFORE YOU GET HIT
UNGGG!
ARGH!
OOPS! THAT WAS A MISTAKE!
HEY, LITTLE LADY CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO?
PLEASE GET OUT OF MY WAY I'M ASKING NICELY.
WHA... WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET OFF ME!
YOU THINK I LIKE IT HERE?
ECO! WE NEED YOUR HELP!
WHY YOU LITTLE BRAT
SHUT UP!
OH, I SEE. YOU'RE WITH THEM, HUH?
I WOULD'VE LET YOU BY SINCE YOU'RE A GIRL, BUT EVEN GIRLS HAVE TO RESPECT THEIR ELDERS!

I'M SORRY!
I... IT.. I MEAN...
IT WAS NEVER MY INTENTION FOR YOU TO GET HURT, HONEY!

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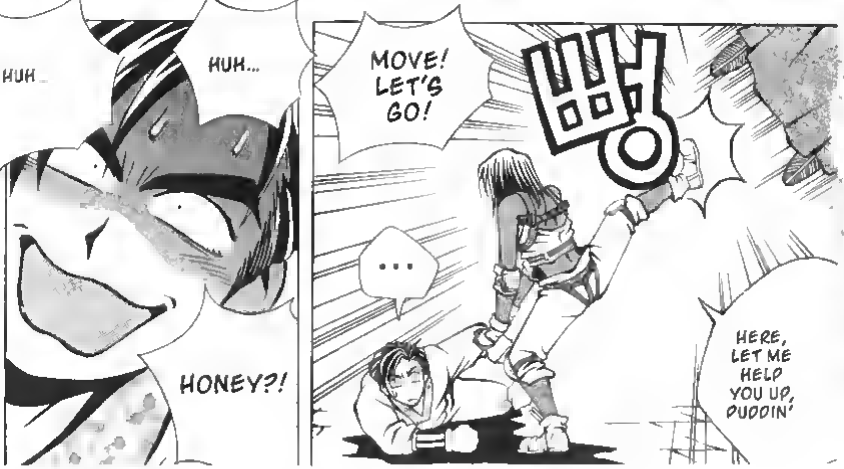
HUH...
HUH...
HONEY?!
MOVE! LET'S GO!
...
HERE, LET ME HELP YOU UP, PUDDIN'

YOUR CLOTHES ARE ALL DIRTY!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE! WHO ARE YOU?

I'M ECO. AND I'M SIXTEEN... THE PEAK OF MY GIRLISH YOUTH
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, BABY?
I... I'M SINAN
OH, EVEN YOUR NAME IS CUTE!
I HOPE YOU LIKE HEARING HOW CUTE YOU ARE!
...
AND SINAN THOUGHT MY GIRLS WERE FORWARD?
SHE'S AS MODEST AS A PEACOCK!

ECO? WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE! BANDITS ONCE, BANDITS FOREVER!
THAT GUY MESSED WITH US! TEACH HIM A LESSON!
YOU NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO SCHOOL, ENRICO! ALL OF YOU AGAINST ONE MAN? AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?
YOU GIVE THE REBELLION FORCES A BAD NAME!
KINGDOM OF GAIYA!
THAT'S MAYI'S KINGDOM!
WHO'S THE RULER THERE?
KALCHAG... HE'S A FORMER GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM OF GAIYA
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER I DON'T WORK FOR THEM ANYMORE
...!!
WE'RE IN ENOUGH TROUBLE! WE DON'T NEED ECO MAD AT US!
REBELLION FORCES? AGAINST WHAT?
WHAT?
I NOW KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO YOU TELL THE BOSS THAT I QUIT
WE STARTED THE REBELLION FORCES TO RESTORE THE KINGDOM OF GAIYA
YOU WERE A BANDIT, TOO!?
THOSE CLOWNS ARE THIRD-RATE BANDITS, BUT THEY'RE GAIYAN REFUGEES, SO THEY JOINED UP BUT THEY'RE NOT MUCH HELP --
YEAH, BUT I WAS GOOD AT IT!
BANDITS ARE BANDITS!
GAIYAN REBELLION FORCES HMM...
Now what the do my I do?
GULP!

I LIKE YOU, SINAN!
YOU AND I ARE A TEAM, HONEY!
OH, THERE'S GOOD NEWS!

LOOK, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME AROUND?
OH, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FROM SINAN IT'S LIKE MY EX-EX TOLD ME
"TRUE LOVE IS WHEN YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING FROM YOUR PARTNER"
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FROM SINAN I JUST WANT HIM TO BE WITH ME
EX-EX?
HOW MANY BOYFRIENDS HAVE YOU HAD?
MMM... LET'S SEE THERE'S ONE, AND TWO...
NO, THAT WAS THREE THEN THERE WERE FOUR, NO FIVE MORE
THAT MAKES SINAN THE NINTH
AT LEAST HE'S IN THE TOP TEN
BUT SINAN WILL FORGIVE ME MY PAST FLINGS I CAN SEE IT IN HIS EYES RIGHT?
STOP THAT RIGHT NOW!
HIS EYES LOOK A LITTLE BLOODSHOT NOW
I'M NEVER LEAVING YOUR SIDE, BABYCAKES
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING ELSE
THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU SHOULD SETTLE FOR THIS FREAK, YOUNG LADY
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE WE GOING?
NO PLACE ELSE TO GO BUT HOME

OH, GOOD, WE CAN PREPARE THE BRIDAL ROOM...
NO! NO BRIDAL ROOM!
WHERE IS HOME, ANYWAY?
IT'S A WAYS YET IT'S EAST OF MOUNT OLYMPUS
AND YOU GUYS WERE GOING TO WALK?
NOT FOR LONG
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HUH?
YOU EXPECT US TO FLY?
WELL, MAYBE I CAN HELP OUT
LOOK WHAT'S COMING
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY PASSAGE ON A COACH
AND IT'S GOING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.
SHE'S NUTS!

NOW THEN..
...!
P PLEASE SPARE ME! I'LL GIVE YOU THE CARGO!
J-JUST DON'T KILL ME!
UHHH
WHAT? WHO SAID I WANTED THE CARGO?
I'M JUST TAKING YOUR COACH
THAT STILL MAKES YOU A THIEF
TAP
I'M NOT SOME COMMON THIEF
BYE!
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DO YOU LIKE LIVING THIS WAY?
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ADVENTURE, DANGER, ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW. YEAH, I LIKE IT

IF IT'S SO MUCH FUN, WHY DON'T YOU DRIVE?

YOU HAVE TO DO YOUR PART I STOLE THE COACH, AND SINAN'S MY LOVER
THE MORE SHE TALKS THE MORE I HATE HER
THAT LEAVES YOU TO DRIVE WOULD YOU RATHER WALK?

I GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS GIRL

I HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND RIGHT NOW, HONEY
I DO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND!
I WOULD HATE HER TO BE CRUSHED BY YOU LEAVING HER FOR ME

OH? WHO IS SHE?

SOMEONE WITH MORE BEAUTY AND GRACE THAN YOU COULD EVER HOPE TO HAVE
AND SHE'S NOT A LOOSE, BLOODTHIRSTY, POSSESSIVE WHACKO
AND SHE SHUTS THE HELL UP ONCE IN A WHILE

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OKAY, MAYBE THAT WAS TOO MUCH
I MIGHT HAVE HURT HER FEELINGS

Ach-

OH, SORRY I JUST HAD TO SNEEZE
Ah that felt good
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?
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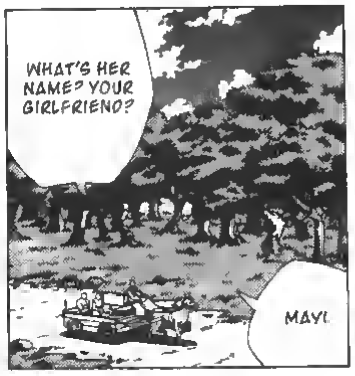
WELL, I GUESS YOUR FEELINGS ARE PERFECTLY INTACT


WHAT'S HER NAME? YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
MAY.

MM... MY NAME'S PRETTIER
IT IS NOT.

IF SHE'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND, WHERE IS SHE?

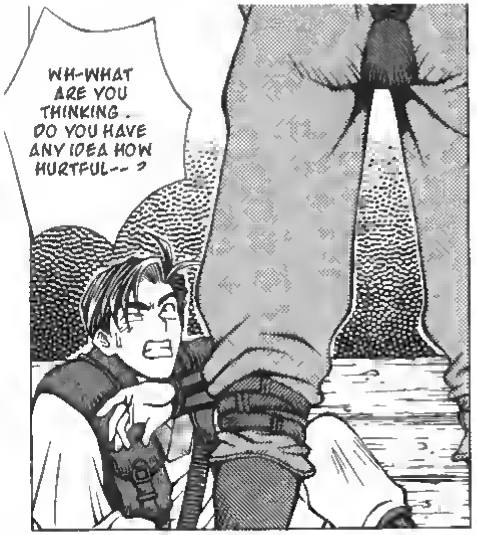
SHE SHE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE
NOT IN THIS WORLD, ANYWAY

OH? DID SHE GO ON A TRIP?

...

WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER I'VE MADE UP MY MIND
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR THIS

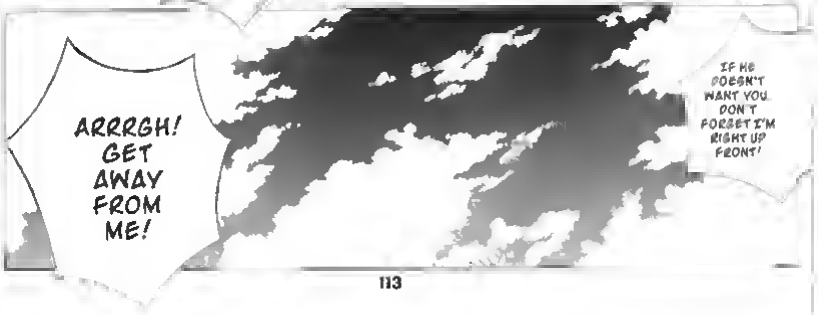
I'M GOING TO DIVE INTO YOUR HEART AND WRESTLE IT FROM THIS BLESSED LITTLE ANGEL..
MY MISSION IS TO HEAL YOUR WOUNDS OF LOVE AND LONLINESS SO THAT YOU MAY ONCE AGAIN FEEL WHOLE. OR ELSE!


WH-WHAT ARE YOU THINKING. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW HURTFUL--?

COME TO MAMA, SINAN!
ACK!

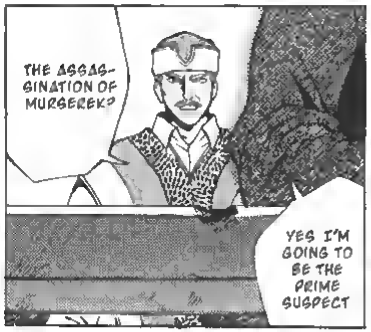
ARGH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ARSH! GET AWAY FROM ME! AAAH!
OH, YOU KNOW YOU LOVE IT! STOP PLAYING HARD-TO-GET!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE?

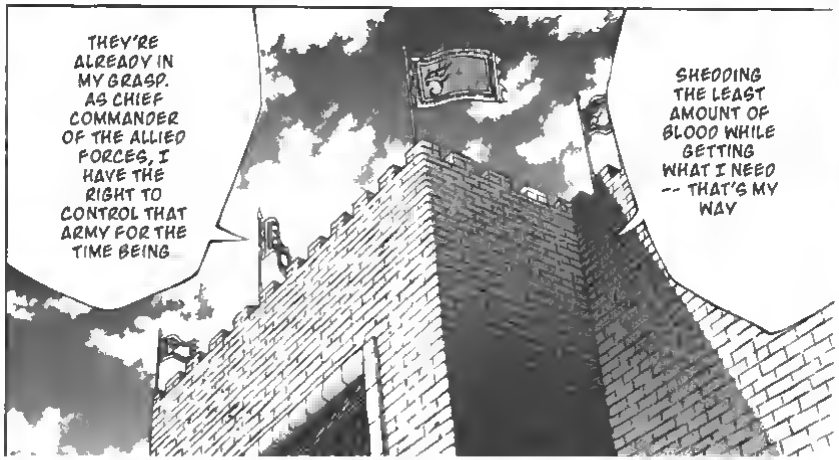

ARRRGH! GET AWAY FROM ME!
IF HE DOESN'T WANT YOU, DON'T FORGET I'M RIGHT UP FRONT!

PRINCE ZETSOS, ACCORDING TO OUR SPIES, THE ROMU FORCES HAVE TWELVE SHIPS, AND APPROXIMATELY A THOUSAND MEN
THEY'RE MOVING TOWARD US FROM THE LAKE, AND AT THEIR PRESENT SPEED, SHOULD BE WITHIN TEN KILOMETERS OF THE CASTLE WALLS BY NIGHTFALL
WHAT IS OUR PERIMETER?
WE HAVE A BATTERY OF FIVE HUNDRED MEN PLACED AT THREE-KILOMETER INTERVALS AND A THOUSAND MEN READY TO CLOSE UP THEIR WITHDRAWAL ROUTE
AND WE'VE POSITIONED ANOTHER FOUR THOUSAND MEN IN THE VICINITY OF THE CASTLE ITSELF
PULL THE MEN FROM THE WITHDRAWAL ROUTE
SIRE?
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A THOUSAND ROMU FORCES FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES AGAINST OUR MEN
THIS ENCOUNTER SHOULD NOT BE A PROLONGED BATTLE
WE'LL STRIKE SOME FEAR IN THEM, THEN CHASE THEM OFF
AND ROMU AIDING THE NOMAN KINGDOM IS JUST AN EXCUSE THEY FEIGN LOYALTY
THEY JUST WANT A PATH THROUGH THE CENTRAL CONTINENT WE NEED TO CRUSH THEIR SPIRIT TO DISSUADE THEM FROM A BROADER ATTACK ON US

AND IF WE STRIKE THEM TOO HARD, THEY'LL SEND THEIR MAIN FORCES TO HIT US EVEN HARDER.
RIGHT NOW, I NEED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AT HAND ROMU CAN WAIT.

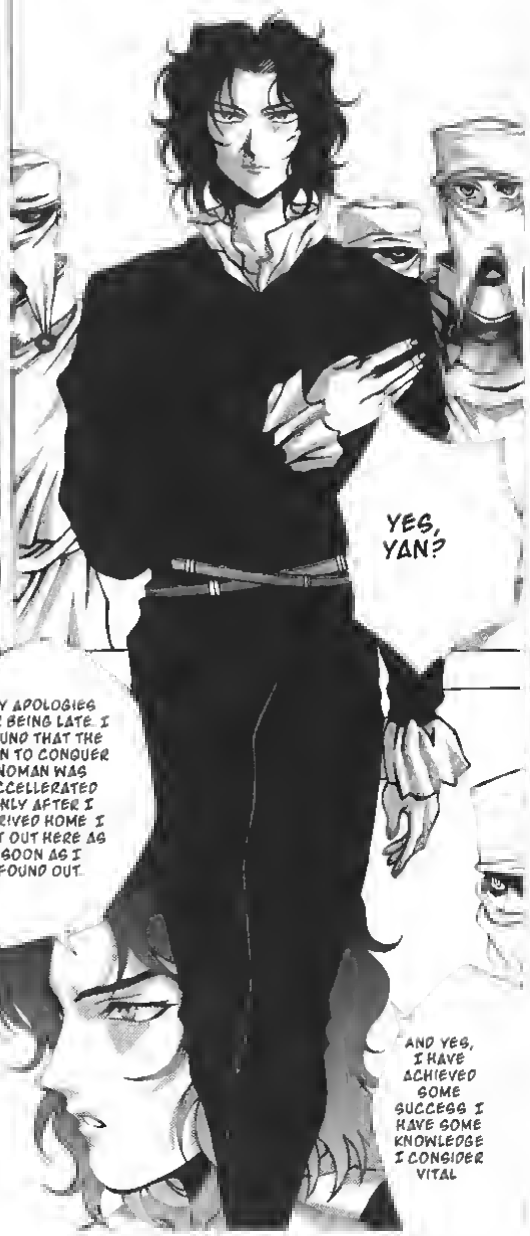

THE ASSASSINATION OF MURGERETIS?
YES I'M GOING TO BE THE PRIME SUSPECT

IF WE NEED TO, SIRE, WE CAN ATTACK MURGERETIS--
NO.

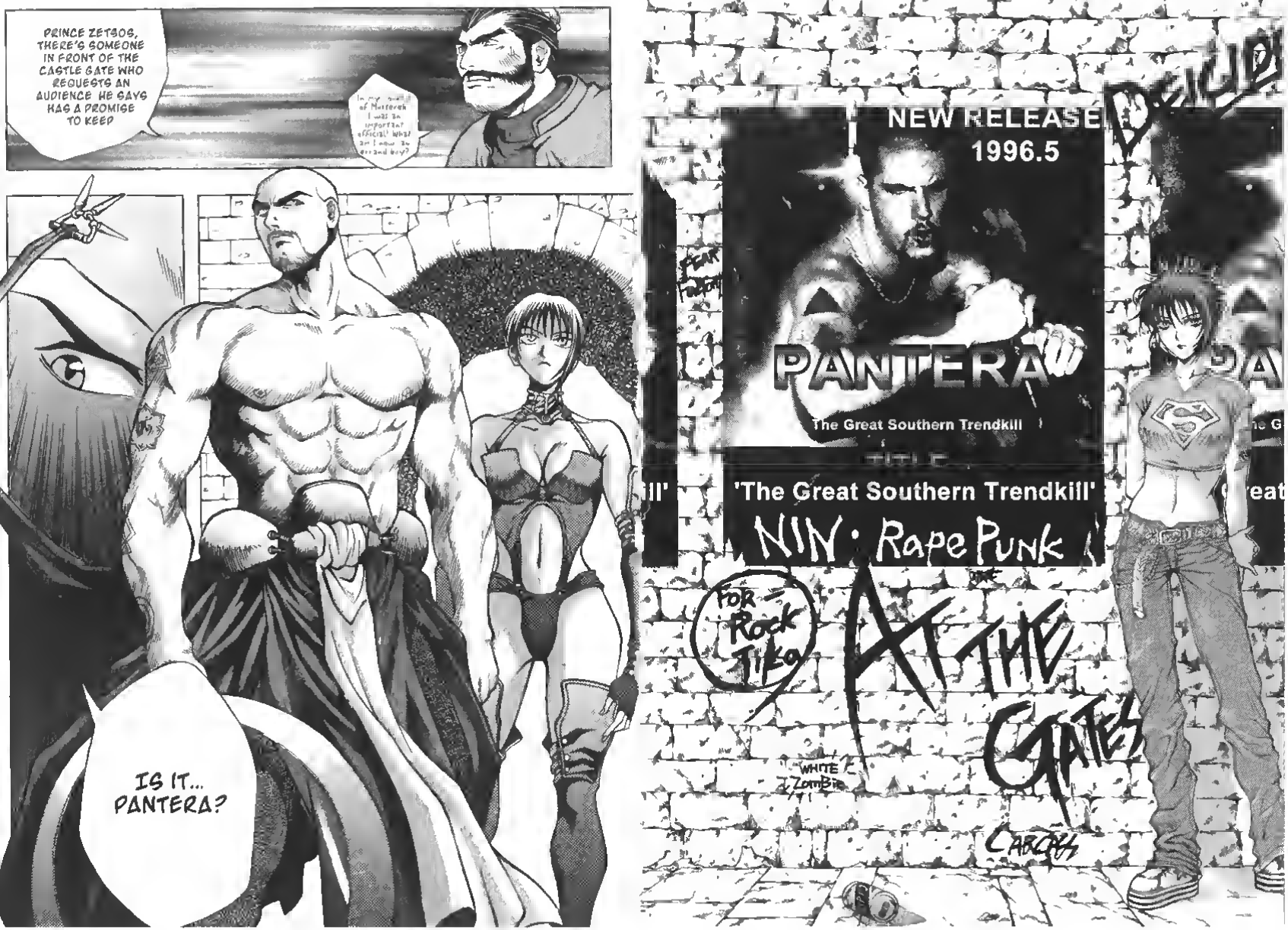

THEY'RE ALREADY IN MY GRASP. AS CHIEF COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED FORCES, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL THAT ARMY FOR THE TIME BEING
SHEDDING THE LEAST AMOUNT OF BLOOD WHILE GETTING WHAT I NEED -- THAT'S MY WAY

PRINCE ZETSOS, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM MEZZOKIGON

BESIDES THE MESSAGE, IS THERE NEWS TO REPORT?


YES, YAN?
MY APOLOGIES FOR BEING LATE. I FOUND THAT THE PLAN TO CONQUER NOMAN WAS ACCELLERATED ONLY AFTER I ARRIVED HOME. I SET OUT HERE AS SOON AS I FOUND OUT.
AND YES, I HAVE ACHIEVED SOME SUCCESS. I HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE I CONSIDER VITAL

YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER, NOODLES OF PRATRIA, IS ALIVE
AND HE'S RALLYING THE FEUDAL LORDS OF VARIOUS REGIONS TO ATTACK MEZZOKISON.
I ALSO HAVE INFORMATION ON THE REMAINING BARRIER BETWEEN US AND THE NEOPTOLEMOS
HOW REGRETTABLE THE GAIYAN REBELLION FORCES CAN BE DEALT WITH
BUT IF PRATRIA IS NOW CAUSING TROUBLE, THAT'S BAD
SIRE, A WAR WITH PRATRIA WILL HAVE TO BE FOUGHT SOONER OR LATER.
THE SITUATION NOW IS CRUCIAL AND CANNOT WAIT.
...
THEN THE RUMORS ARE TRUE I WONDER WHY IT TOOK THIS LONG TO CONFIRM THAT NOODLES IS ALIVE
YES, A SWIFT AND DEFINITIVE CONCLUSION IS ESSENTIAL BUT I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE A RIFT BETWEEN BROTHERS AGAIN
BUT AS KINGS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WE HAVE LITTLE CHOICE
GAIYAN REBELLION FORCES ARE RUNNING AMOK NEAR THE BORDERS OF PRATRIA AND MEZZOKISON. ALTHOUGH THEIR NUMBERS ARE SMALL, THEY'RE VERY ACTIVE, SO THAT REGION IS IN CHAOS.
WHICH SHUTS US OUT OF THE BORDER REGIONS AROUND PRATRIA, AND ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN
IT IS MY FAULT THAT NOODLES HAS COME BACK WITH A VENGENCE..
IF THEY BEGIN A WAR, THEN WE MUST FINISH IT.


PRINCE ZETSOS, THERE'S SOMEONE IN FRONT OF THE CASTLE GATE WHO REQUESTS AN AUDIENCE. HE SAYS HAS A PROMISE TO KEEP
In my capacity of Mistress I was an important official! What am I now? An errand boy?
IS IT... PANTERA?
NEW RELEASE
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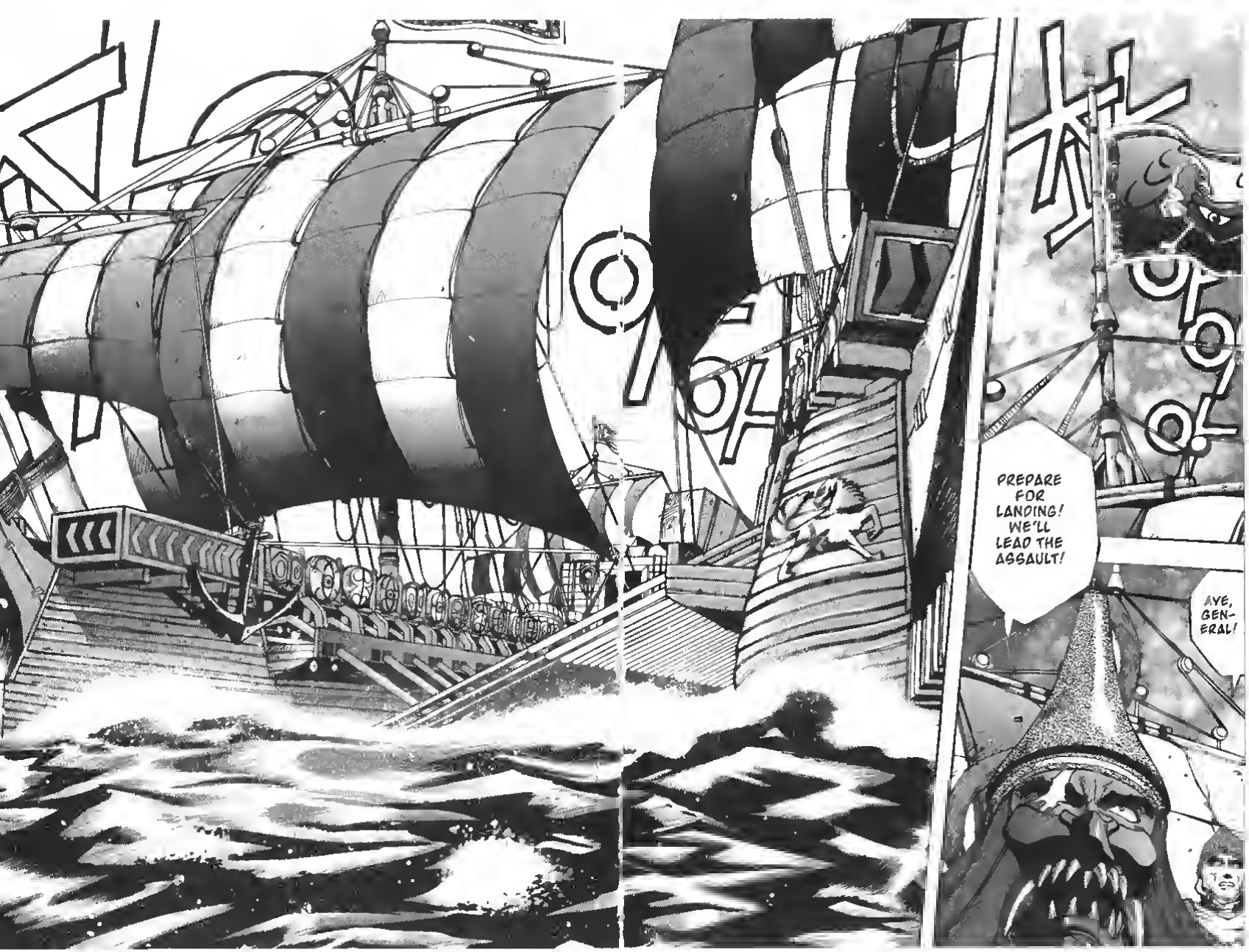
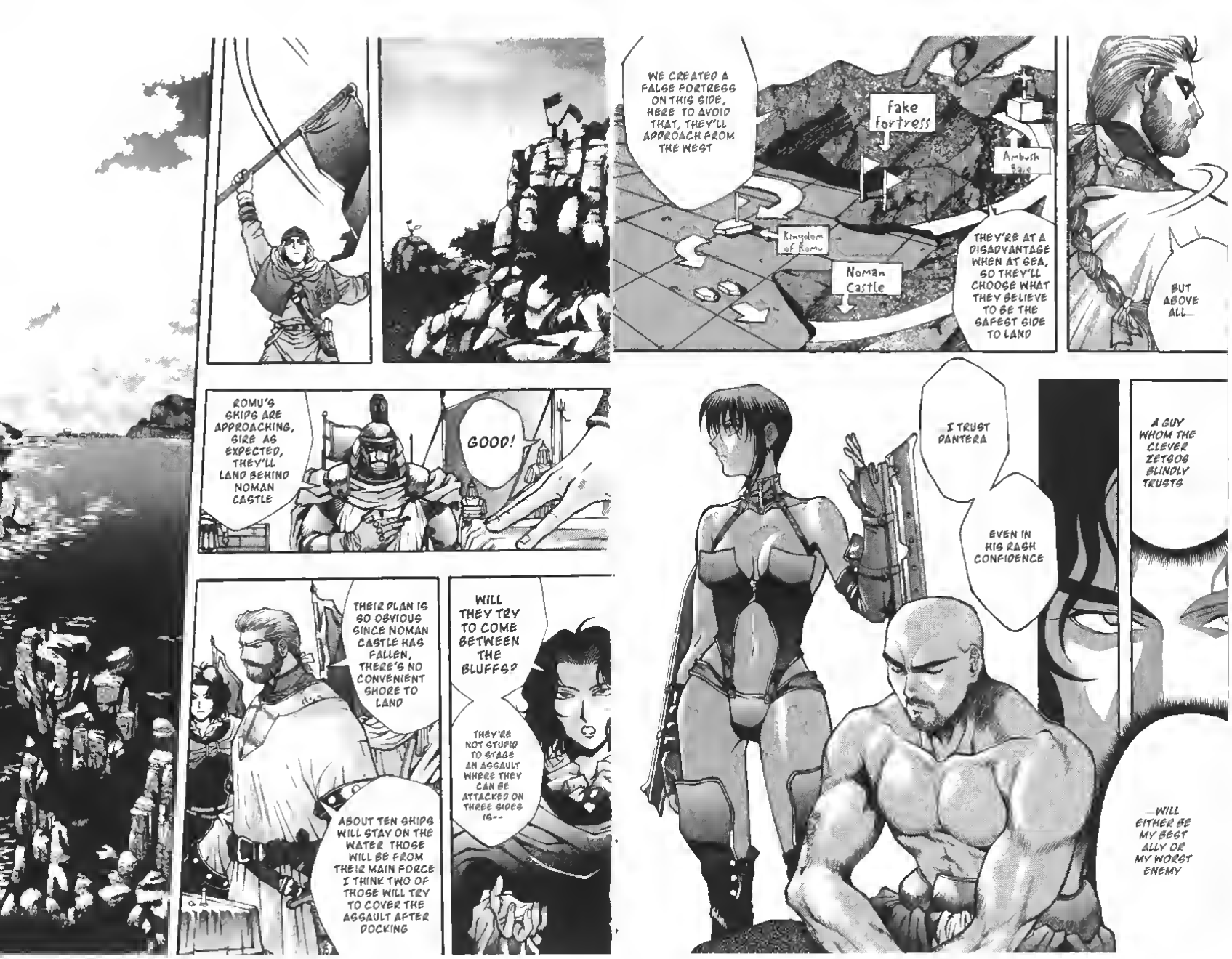
PANTERA
The Great Southern Trendkill
'The Great Southern Trendkill'
NIN : Rape Punk
FOR Rock Tiko
AT THE GATES
WHITE ZOMBIE
CARCASS


PREPARE FOR LANDING! WE'LL LEAD THE ASSAULT!
AYE, GEN-ERAL!


WE CREATED A FALSE FORTRESS ON THIS SIDE. HERE TO AVOID THAT, THEY'LL APPROACH FROM THE WEST
Fake Fortress
Ambush Base
Kingdom of Romu
Noman Castle
THEY'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE WHEN AT SEA, SO THEY'LL CHOOSE WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE SAFEST SIDE TO LAND
BUT ABOVE ALL—
ROMU'S SHIPS ARE APPROACHING, SIRE AS EXPECTED, THEY'LL LAND BEHIND NOMAN CASTLE
GOOD!
THEIR PLAN IS SO OBVIOUS SINCE NOMAN CASTLE HAS FALLEN, THERE'S NO CONVENIENT SHORE TO LAND
ABOUT TEN SHIPS WILL STAY ON THE WATER. THOSE WILL BE FROM THEIR MAIN FORCE. I THINK TWO OF THOSE WILL TRY TO COVER THE ASSAULT AFTER DOCKING
WILL THEY TRY TO COME BETWEEN THE BLUFFS?
THEY'RE NOT STUPID TO STAGE AN ASSAULT WHERE THEY CAN BE ATTACKED ON THREE SIDES IG--
—I TRUST PANTERA
EVEN IN HIS RASH CONFIDENCE
A GUY WHOM THE CLEVER ZETSOG BLINDLY TRUSTS
—WILL EITHER BE MY BEST ALLY OR MY WORST ENEMY

WE'RE READY, PRINCE ZETSOS I WILL BE ON MY WAY
SIRE DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT THESE TWO ALONE CAN DEFEAT THEM?
EVEN IF ONLY TWO SHIPS LAND, THAT'S AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED MEN
VICTORY AND DEFEAT ARE STATES OF MIND THE SIMPLEST WAY TO SURVIVE IS TO BELIEVE THAT YOU CANNOT DIE
AND I WILL NOT DIE UNTIL I HAVE COMPLETED MY MISSION.
YOU JUST MAKE SURE YOUR MEN ARE THERE.
DO NOT WORRY
YAN, YOU LEAD THE MEN TO THE BLUFFS FOR THE AMBUSH
ATTACK ON THE SIGNAL
YES, SIRE
...!!
THE NEW WEAPON SUITS YOU WELL MINTE, ZIS IT?
AH, YES, PRINCE ZETSOS
THANK YOU
S-BUT YOU SHOULD AT LEAST WEAR SOME BASIC ARMOR--
NO NEED.

SIRE, THE ROMU SHIPS HAVE DOCKED!
GOOD!
MOVE OUR FORCES TO THE RENDEZVOUS!
THIS BATTLE WILL BE SETTLED TONIGHT!
IT'S OUR TURN, MINTE

ARE YOU OVERWHELMED BY ZETSOS' MASCULINE CHARM?
OR BY THE SUSPICION THAT YOU MAY BE RELATED TO HIM?
DO NOT BE DECEIVED MINTE IT'S BETTER TO BURY FADED MEMORIES THAN TRY TO RECALL THEM
ULTIMATELY HE IS OUR ENEMY AND A SACRIFICIAL LAMB KEEP THAT IN MIND
I SHALL...

LONG BLUFFS SURROUND THE MAIN THROUGHWAY, GENERAL BEHIND IT LIES A LAKE
THERE'S A REASON WHY I'M A GENERAL AND YOU'RE A FOOT SOLDIER
IF WE WERE TO BE ATTACKED IN THERE, THEN--
PROCEED I KNOW HOW THEY'LL REACT
AND THERE'S THE SIGN
COMMENCE THE ATTACK.
THIS IS THE GATE TO NOMAN CASTLE.

HA HA HA! WE'LL DESTROY THE FORTRESS OF THE ALLIED FORCES FROM THE SEA! WE'LL STAVE THEIR AMBUSH!
WITH NO PLACE FOR THEM TO RETREAT, OUR GROUND FORCES WILL ATTACK THEM FROM BEHIND!
AND TONIGHT WE'LL BE SLEEPING IN ROYAL LUXURY!

...!!
WHO--?
I'M AFRAID IT WON'T BE QUITE THAT EASY
IT'S THE NOMAN KING!
HOW CAN THIS BE?
NO ONE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED US TO COME THIS WAY.
I'M NOT JUST ANYONE, GENERAL.
I THOUGHT YOU'D ATTACK THE FORTRESS FROM THE SEA A GOOD PLAN..
...IF THE FORTRESS YOU DESTROYED WASN'T A DECOY.
A TRAP!

WE'RE TRAPPED!
YES THAT WAS MY PLAN AND NOW IF YOU WANT LIVE

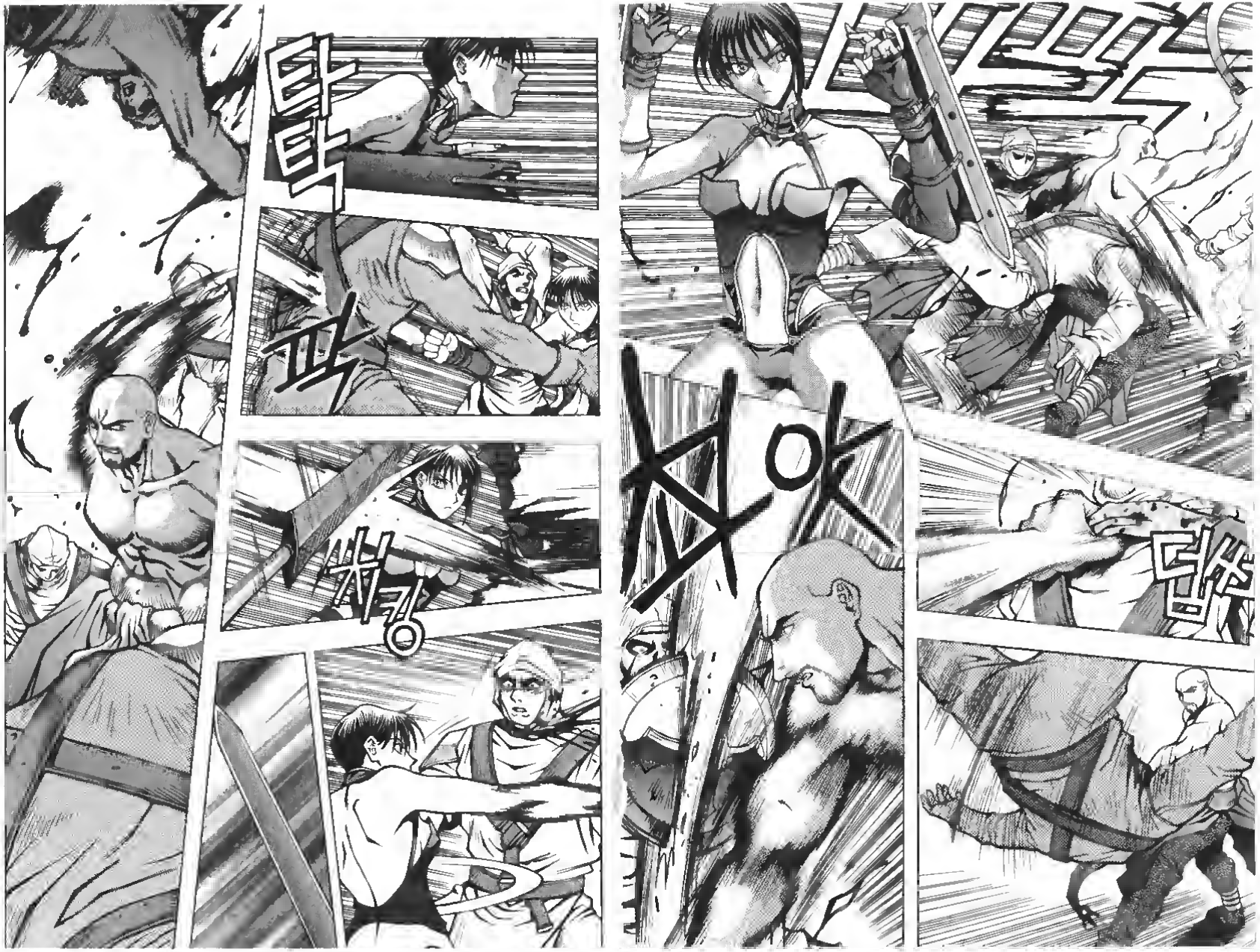
YOU'LL HAVE TO DEFEAT US!

YOU FOOLS! THERE ARE TWO OF YOU AND TWO HUNDRED OF US!
YES.
PRETTY GOOD ODDS!

HECTOR
CARMINE
IRIA

ATTACK IN WAVES! NO ONE ENGAGE THEM DIRECTLY!
USE OUR NUMBERS AGAINST THEM!

RAAAH
AND STILL THEY COME.
DIE!
I EXPECTED MY REPUTATION TO PRECEED ME!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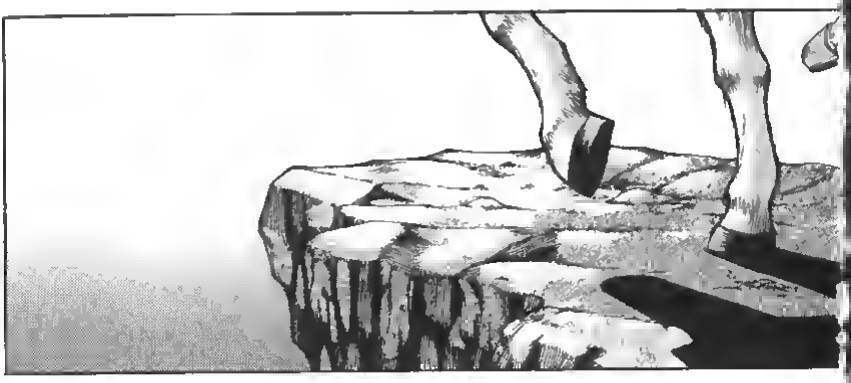
HE HANDLES THAT BLADE LIKE IT'S A PART OF HIM!
AND THAT WOMAN! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH PRECISION!



HE'S DOING WELL.

TWO HUNDRED MEN AND NOT A SCRATCH ON HIM.
HE'S NOT A MAN. HE'S A DEMON SPIRIT!

HE MIGHT BE EVEN WORSE
WORSE? HOW!

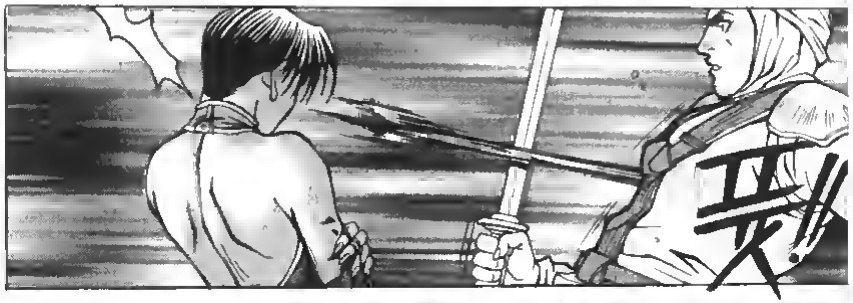
HE FIGHTS LIKE A DEMON SPIRIT...
...WITH A GRUDGE.

...I ONLY HOPE TO GOD THAT GRUDGE IS NEVER TURNED ON ME.

WELL? YOU HEARD ME! KILL HIM!
KILL HIM! TWO PROMOTIONS IN RANK TO THE MAN WHO BRINGS ME HIS HEAD!
WHAT? ALREADY LOSING YOUR STOMACH FOR FIGHTING? BUT THERE ARE STILL A HUNDRED OF YOU STANDING!
WE HEARD YOU, GENERAL BUT I DON'T THINK HE HEARD YOU!
NEW ORDERS! RETREAT IS CUT OFF! REINFORCEMENTS WILL NOT ARRIVE FOR SOME TIME!
THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH HIM!
WHY IS HE NOT DEAD? ATTACK HIM!
CHOOSE WHOSE HAND YOU'LL DIE BY, HIS OR MINE!

DAMN IT! LET'S DO IT!
I AGREE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, LET'S GET IT DONE!
NO SENSE WASTING OUR ENTIRE AFTERNOON!
ARRGH!
NO! DON'T ATTACK HIM...
THE GIRL! GET HER!
...!
YES! WE'LL USE HER AS A HOSTAGE!

MINTE!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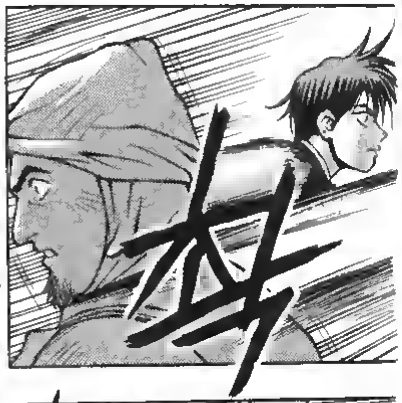
I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!



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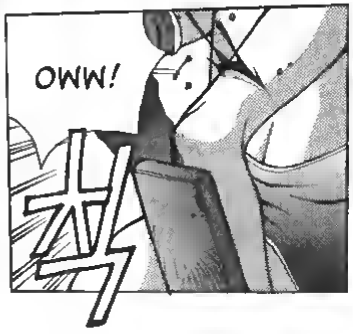
THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF THEM..
..BUT I MUST NOT BE THE WEAK LINK!

NOW I'VE GOT YOU!


OWW!

RED BLOOD

ZETSOS!
MY LORD!
YOU KNOW YOUR DUTY! PROTECT THE GENERAL!
NO! EVERYONE, HALT!

YAN, HOW DARE YOU CONTRADICT--
IF WE MOVE THE TROOPS NOW, THE ENTIRE PLAN FAILS, AND THOSE MEN WILL HAVE DIED FOR NOTHING!
THOSE SOLDIERS ARE ADVANCING ON OUR CHIEF COMMANDER!
HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF! HE'S NOT JUST OUR KING, HE'S THE CONTINENT'S MOST FEARSOME WARRIOR!
HE WOULDN'T WANT US TO JEOPARDIZE THE WHOLE BATTLE FOR JUST HIM!
DAMN IT, THOUGH TO GO UP AGAINST TWO HUNDRED MEN WITH ONLY TWO OF THEM .HOW RASH
HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING ELSE PLANNED BUT WHAT?
I WISH ZETSOS WOULD TELL ME THESE THINGS!
...!
COULD IT BE...?

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LEADING THE ATTACK! COULD IT BE PRINCE ZETSOS HIMSELF?

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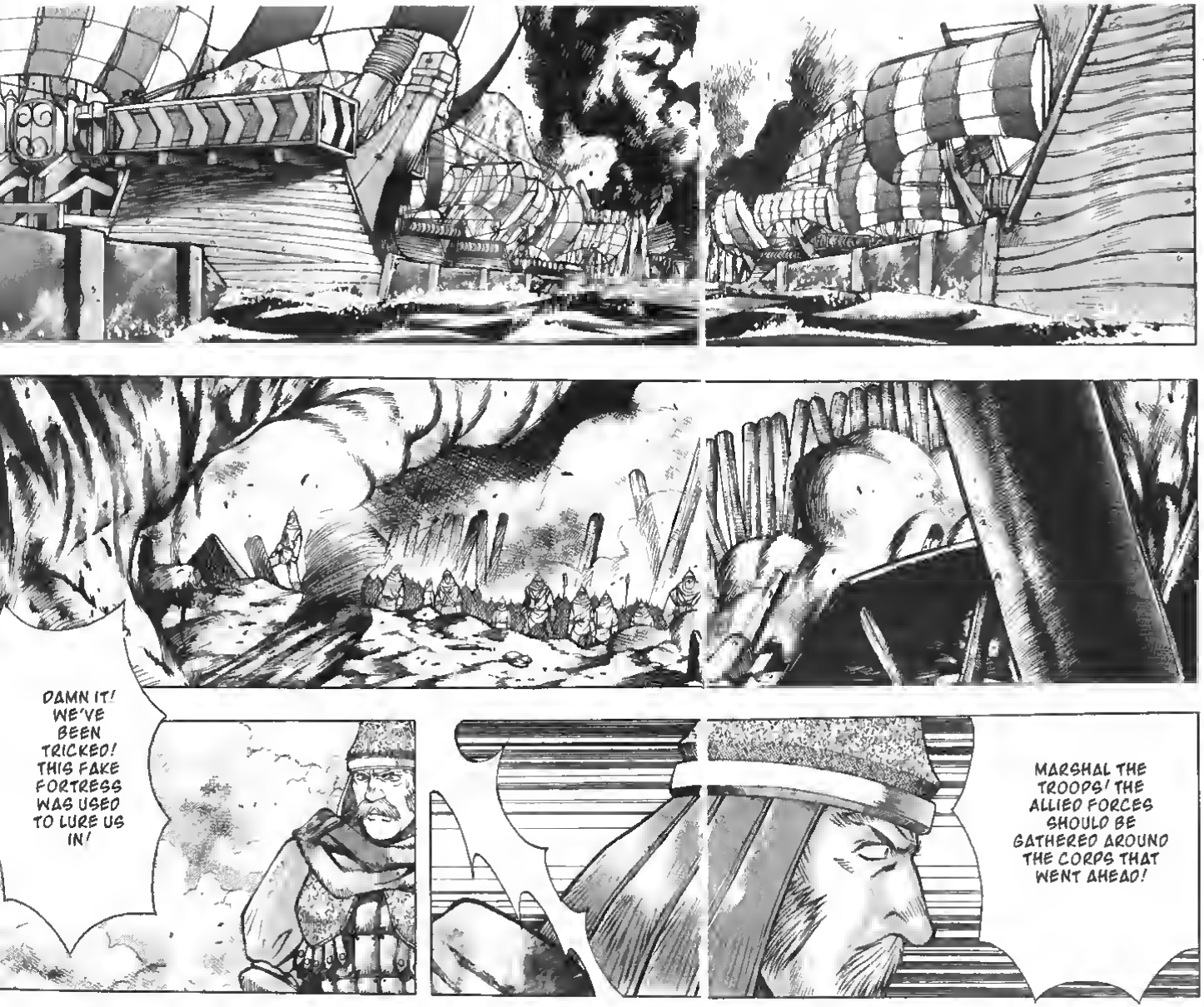
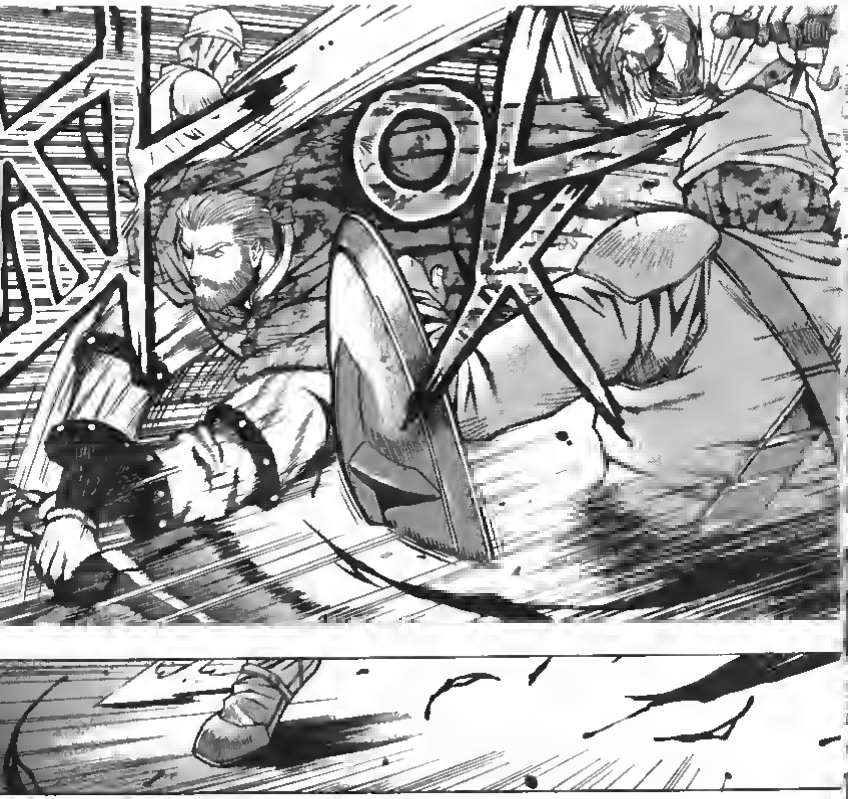

DAMN IT! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED! THIS FAKE FORTRESS WAS USED TO LURE US IN!
MARSHAL THE TROOPS! THE ALLIED FORCES SHOULD BE GATHERED AROUND THE CORPS THAT WENT AHEAD!
ALL FORCES ADVANCE!
WE'LL ATTACK FROM THE SOUTH AND PIN THE ALLIED FORCES INTO THEIR OWN TRAP!

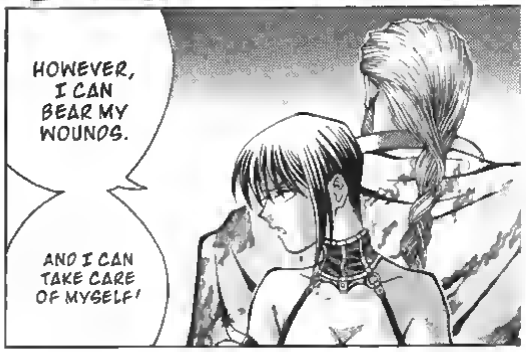


TEND TO YOUR WOUNDS I'LL HOLD THEM OFF

THANK YOU...

MINTE!

P PRINCE ZETSOS


HOWEVER, I CAN BEAR MY WOUNDS.
AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

>SIGH<
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, MINTE?
IF ALL THE WOMEN IN THE WORLD REFUSED PROTECTION FROM MEN...
...THEN THERE'D BE REASON FOR MEN TO EVEN EXIST
BESIDES, IF A MAN FEELS DEEPLY FOR A WOMAN...
...NOTHING WILL STOP HIM FROM PROTECTING HER...
NO MATTER HOW WELL SHE CAN TAKE CARE OF HERSELF!

SIR PANTERA NEVER TALKS TO ME THAT WAY
IS THAT RIGHT?
WELL, PERHAPS HE SEES YOU AS EITHER MORE THAN A WOMAN OR LESS
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PERHAPS HE DOES
AND PERHAPS... WHICHEVER ONE IT IS... THAT'S THE WAY I WANT IT.
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...!

AFOK
THEY'VE DONE IT!

IF YOU INSIST.
HUH?
IF YOU WANT TO BATTLE KING ZETSOS...
...YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME FIRST!
I WILL COUNT THIS BATTLE A VICTORY IF I CAN JUST KILL YOU
THE TALES OF YOUR SKILL ARE LEGENDARY. LET'S SEE IF THEY'RE TRUE!
AND IT'S NO HONOR AT ALL MEETING YOU.
HEH HEH HEH I DION'T THINK THE KING HIMSELF WOULD VENTURE ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, CHIEF COMMANDER ZETSOS!

S... SIRE! SIRE!
A HUGE ROMU ASSAULT FORCE IS APPROACHIG FROM THE ROAD OPPOSITE THE BLUFF!
NO!
DAMN IT! THEY GOT HERE EARLIER THAN WE EXPECTED!
IF THEY ATTACK, WE'LL LOSE OUR ADVANTAGE!

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